

(Name in full) *Orchard Wallace Ernest*

Index No 37851

Date of Birth.	<i>20th Aug 1890</i>	Whether Married.		Occasion.	
Date of Entry into Air Service.	<i>18th Jan 1916</i>	Next of Kin and Address.	<i>W. E. Orchard 2837 South Avenue West Vancouver, B.C. Canada.</i>		
Previous Service in H.M. Forces.					<i>29- 1- 25- 27-</i>
Previous Occupation if entered from Civil Life.		By whom Recommended.			
Number of R.A.C. Certificate, and Date, and where obtained.		<i>2911 17-5-16</i>	<i>Chingford</i>		

APPOINTMENTS.

PROMOTIONS.

Date.	Whence.	Appointment.	AIR SERVICE.			NAVAL SERVICE.		
			Date.	Seniority.	Rank.	Date.	Seniority.	Rank.
		<i>Temporary.</i>						
<i>18-1-16</i>		<i>Pro 1st Sub-Lieut</i>	<i>31-8-16</i>	<i>18-1-16</i>	<i>Confirmation</i>			
<i>20-5-16</i>		<i>Chingford</i>						
<i>20-9-16</i>		<i>Chamwell</i>						
		<i>Dover.</i>						

Died from wounds received in aerial combat. 2.6.17.

Space for particular notations at Air Department (i.e., Accidents, meritorious work, special flights, etc.)

30/5/17. Operations Report No. 2911. 29/5/17. Shot down enemy plane out of control
Af 10727. Dunkirk. 4-6-17. - Full report of this Officer's death from wounds received whilst fighting in the air, & injuries when machine crashed afterwards. Af 127193. N. 2. 709.
Died from wounds received in aerial combat. This Officer left the Advanced Landing Ground at 8.25. on 2/6/17. on report of hostile aircraft working near the lines. He attacked the hostile aircraft and was wounded in the face. From accounts of mechanics at the front lines and others who saw him come home the following information was gathered. He came home rather erratically, when over the Advanced Landing Ground at about 200 ft. his engine stopped and his w/c nose dived vertically into the ground at 8.40 a.m. He received very serious injuries as a result and due to the fact that he was found in his machine with his head inside he must have fainted through loss of blood. He was taken to No 1 Field Dressing Station at Bazigny then cleared to No. 29 C.C.S. at Grivillers, where he died last night.
He was never really conscious & could not tell anything about what had happened, except that he had been fighting. The machine Sopwith Set. N 1194 is completely wrecked and will have to be deleted. Af 1811. lw. 08470. 6/7/17. Mentioned for good work while serving with No 3 Squadron. in the field.

