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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. _____

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME:

KATO, Kazuo

HOME ADDRESS:

Hillcrest, B. C.

REGISTRATION No. 09236

SEX:

Male

AGE:

22

MARRIED?

No

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER:

Millhand, Hillcrest Lumber Co., Hillcrest, B. C.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

None

ADDRESS:

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN:

None

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 22nd day of April 1942.

WITNESS:

Kamuro

(Signature)

Kato

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

None

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

None

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

P.D. 9-12-42

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date 1-5-43.

r File No. 5822

ull Name KATO, Kazuo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 09236

✓
Male - Female
(check)

Age 15-6-1919

Former Address

Millcrest Bldg.

Date Evacuated Ant. May 16/43 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Clarkson, Ont.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife —

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother

nei
MIEUNO Watsuno
(Japan)

Name of Father

Kuwakichi - 09244

Names of Children under 16

Requested by Evelyn Bridson

Registered with Custodian

yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Millhand

Petawawa Internment Camp
Petawawa, Ontario,

May 29 1942.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities furnished by:-

P/W P- 1401-..... KATO, KAZUO.

A BANK ACCOUNTS: 1. Name of Bank .. BANK OF MONTREAL
2. Branch DUNCAN B.S.
3. Cash Balance .. APPROXIMATELY \$200.00
B SECURITIES: 1. Description and Quantity WAR BONDS CERT.
..... 11 @ \$5 total \$55.00
2. Where Deposited HASTINGS PR. MONTREAL B.S.
C REAL ESTATE: 1. Description NIL
.....
2. Location.....
3. Municipality.....
D INSURANCE: 1. Name of Company NIL
2. Number of Policies
3. Amount of Each
E CLAIMS: 1. Nature NIL
2. Amount
3. Name and address of debtor
F DEBTS: 1. Nature NIL
2. Amount
3. Name and address of creditor
.....
.....
Witness Signature K. Kato

If you have appointed a relative or a friend to look
after your interests, kindly furnish his name and address.

NAME

ADDRESS

B O M
Main Hastings

\$ 2.00

MEMORANDUM

September 24, 1943.

TO: FILE No. 5822

FROM: Specified Articles Department.

Re: KATO Kazuo, Reg. No. 09236

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
RADIO	Westinghouse Radio Model 566 Serial No. A59465	

AcMP #826

*Released to BC Security Com. 16/12/43
FM*

AcMP #112E/43

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DEC 23 1943

EXHIBIT REPORT

File No. 5822

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB/DIVN. & File No.

DIVISION & File No.

"E"
(J.R. 00236)

DETACHMENT & File No. Victoria, B.C.

DATE Dec. 15th, 1943

Re: Emuo KATO, Hillcrest, B.C. Radio Receiving Set & Case
(Name of File)

On Nov. 23rd, 1943 1 A. Thornhill, Sgt.
(Date) (Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by Having same handed to him by the
B.C. Provincial Police, Duncan, B.C., who made original seizure.
(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. of Exh.	No. of Packages	Cop. or Size	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	<u>1</u>		<u>Westinghouse Radio, Mils. 306,</u> <u>Serial No. A59485.</u>
			<u>Mr. P.G. Shears, Office of Custodian. 506</u> <u>Royal Bank Bldg. Vancouver, B.C.</u>
			<u>FORWARDED for your information & records.</u>
			<u>Vancouver.</u> <u>20-12-43</u> <u>FRJ/*</u>

(C.K. Gray) Supt.
O.C. "E" Division.

REMARKS: Handed over to the B.C. Security Commission. See

DATE DEC 16 1943

(State briefly disposition)

(Signature of Recipient or Witness)

(Signature of Member)
F.N. Jefferson, 10555, Cst.

612 Int.

[illegible]

BANK OF MONTREAL

C O P Y

Duncan, B.C.,
May 28. 1942.

The Custodian's Office,
Department of Secretary of State,
501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Internees.

Referring to your circular letter dated
26th May enclosing a list of the names of Japanese
recently interned, we find two names included in
the list who have accounts with us, particulars of
which are shown as follows:

<u>P/W No.</u>	<u>Your File No.</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Christian Name</u>	<u>Savings a/c#</u>	<u>Balance at Credit</u>
P-1375	586	Harada	Yoshio	9441	\$ 519.19
P-1401	612	Kato	Kazuo	10071	86.65

We have made a notation in the respective
accounts to allow no further withdrawals without the
consent of your office.

Yours truly,

(signed) C.C. Watson
Manager

CCW:L

612
Legal Section

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
June 9, 1942.

Camp Commandant,
Internment Camp,
Petawawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: P/W P-1401, KATO, Kazuo.

According to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities submitted by the above noted internee he states that he has \$200.00 in the Bank of Montreal, Duncan. For his information the exact balance is \$86.65.

I noted, according to his statement he handed to somebody at Hastings Park Manning Pool \$55.00 worth of War Savings Certificates. These should really be here in this office. Would you please ask him the name of the person he handed the certificates to.

Yours faithfully,

Edgar T. Read
(For G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

ETR/EN

P-1401

Petawawa, Ontario,
12th June 1942.

Rec'd JUN 17 1942
File No. 612
Ans.
Referred

The Office of the Custodian,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

P/W P-1401 KATO, K.

Reference your 612 Legal
Section dated 9th June 1942.

The m/n has \$86.65 in the
Bank of Montreal, Duncan, B.C., also
Post Office Savings of about \$110.00.
His father Mr. K. Kato, Hastings Park,
Vancouver, B.C. has his Post Office
Savings books and also his \$55.00
worth of War Savings Certificates.

J.P. Dobell
(J.P. Dobell), Capt.
Adjutant,
Petawawa Internment Camp.

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*Bank of Montreal,
Duncan, B.C.*

Rec'd	SEP 14 1942
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

September 12th, 1942.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

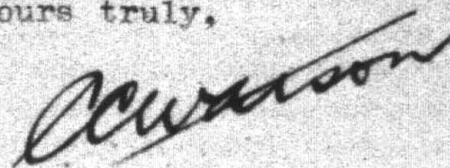
Dear Sir:

Re: Kazuo Kato
Your File No. 612

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant, we enclose our money order for \$86.37 in your favour which represents the balance at credit of the above named with us.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,



C. C. Watson
Manager

CCW:L
ENCL.

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912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
September 14, 1942.

The Manager,
Bank of Montreal,
Duncan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: P/W A-1401. KATO. Kazuo

On May 28th you advised me that the above
noted Internee operated Savings Account No. 10071
at your Bank in which there was a balance of \$86.65.

It will simplify matters very much in this
office if you would kindly consider closing the
account by issuing a cheque, payable to the order of
the Custodian of Enemy Property, and forwarding to
this office.

Your co-operation in this matter will be
very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Miss F. Carroll
For, Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian

FC/DG

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912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
September 14, 1942.

The Savings Department,
Post Office,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: P/W A-1401. KATO, Kazuo

According to information available to the
Custodian the above noted Internee operates a Post
Office Savings Account under No. 53464.

It would be appreciated if you would advise
me whether or not this coincides with your records and
if so, will you kindly close the account by forward-
ing a cheque for the balance on hand, the cheque being
made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Yours truly,

Miss F. Carroll
For, Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian

FC/DG

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE
ASP:23 63611

Post Office Department, Canada

FINANCIAL BRANCH
Savings Bank Division

Ottawa, 25th September, 1942.

Rec'd
File No.
Ans.
Received

Miss F. Carroll,
For, Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of 14th September under your file No. 612, relative to an internee, P/W A-1401, Kato, Kazuo, I have to say that a Post Office Savings Bank Account, Nanaimo, B.C., No. 5346¹/₂, stands in the name of Kazuo Kato, and that to identify it as belonging to the internee mentioned there would have to be produced to this office a specimen of his signature.

To withdraw the money from the account would require the signed authorization of Kazuo Kato himself or an application through the office of The Custodian, Department of Secretary of State at Ottawa, together with the Post Office Savings Bank passbook.

It is essential that the passbook should be produced if it exists in order to effect the withdrawal, because a withdrawal without the passbook would leave it open for the depositor, after his release, to use the book to make withdrawals at Branch Offices in which event the Post Office Savings Bank and the Government would suffer a loss.

Yours truly,

E. E. Atwater
E. E. Atwater,
Financial Superintendent.

612

912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
October 5th, 1942.

The Savings Department,
Post Office,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: P/W A-1401, KATO, Kazuo

I have your letter of September 24th in connection with savings account 5346 standing in the name of the above noted Internee.

In order to identify this account I attach hereto the Custodian's Form "J" from our files together with Post Office Savings Book No. 5346. Will you kindly return Form "J".

The Department of the Secretary of State has opened the office in Vancouver for the purpose of dealing with the Japanese problems and it would, therefore, be very much appreciated if you would kindly close out this account and forward the balance to this office in the form of a cheque made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Your co-operation in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Miss F. Carroll
For, Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian

FC/DG
Encls.

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE
HCD/7.- 63611.

Post Office Department, Canada

FINANCIAL BRANCH
Savings Bank Division

Ottawa, 16th October, 1942.

REGISTERED.

Miss F. Carroll,
For, Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

In reply to your letter of 5th October, under
file No. 612, regarding an internee, P/W A-1401, Kato, Kazuo,
I have to say that as requested by you I am enclosing a cheque
for \$141.81, drawn in favour of Custodian of Enemy Property,
together with the Custodian's form "J", which accompanied your letter.

Will you please acknowledge the receipt of the
enclosures by signing and returning in the envelope herewith the
form of receipt which accompanies the cheque.

Yours truly,

H. E. Atwater
H. E. Atwater,
Financial Superintendent.

Rec'd	_____
File No.	612
Ans.	_____

INTERNMENT OPERATIONS
Prisoner of War Business Letter

Res. MAR 2 1943
File No. 612
Ans. Miss Graham
Referred

From No. 430.

To

The Custodian,

Name KATO, Kazuo,

Royal Bank Bldg.,

Camp #101,

Vancouver, B. C.

Angler, Ontario,

Date February 25, 1943.

Sir:

Kindly arrange for redemption of all my War Savings Certificates, now held in custody at your office, then from the proceeds send Twenty-five xx/100 Dollars (\$25.00) to the credit of my canteen fund account in this camp at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

K. Kato

Kazuo KATO, #430.

File

Distribution	By Camp Commandant	By Comm'r of Internment Operations
Original	To Auth. Custodian, Vancouver	To
Duplicate	To " " "	To
Triplicate	To C.I.O.	Filed
Quadruplicate	Filed Camp 101.	Retained by Camp Commandant

Remarks

Read & hold
EQB

Remarks

Commandant of Internment Camp #101

Commissioner of Internment Operations

EVACUATION SECTION
 Rec'd MAY 14 1943
 File No. 5722
 Ans.
 Referred Bill

Sheldon M. Murrell,
 Shouder, Ontario.
 May 14, 1943.

Dear Sir:

I'll you kindly send my
 Victory Bonds and my two bank
 book of Bank of Montreal and
 of Post Office Savings, which were
 taken away from me during my
 stay at Petawawa Camp 101.

Since my release from Camp 101,
 I have written to Camp Commandant,
 but have received no answer yet.
 Having waited in hurry I wrote again
 to you.

Mar 13 - 1st National Lot	2.65
Apr 25 - 1st	4.66
Jul 9 - 2nd of National	22.69
Apr 10 - 1st of National	86.37
Oct 25 - 1st of National	101.21
Oct 7 - 1st of National	41.69
	<u>268.00</u>

see file 666
 see file 666

Sincerely yours
 Fayus Fato
 Reg No. 07236.

see file 666
 268.00
 268.00

5822.

May 21st, 1943.

Mr. Kameo KATO,
Registration No. 09236,
Sheridan Nurseries,
Sheridan, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and in reply would advise you that we hold the sum of \$256.73 at the credit of your account, this amount representing:

Aug. 25	Refund of 1% wage deductions made during the period January/June, 1941	\$ 4.86
Sept. 15	Balance of your account with the Bank of Montreal, Duncan, transferred to this office at our request	\$86.37
Oct. 23	Balance of your P.O. Savings Acct. transferred to this office at our request	\$141.81
Apr. 7	Proceeds of War Savings Certificates redeemed at your request	<u>18.69</u>
		\$281.73
	<u>Less:</u>	
Apr. 7	Remitted to the credit of your Canteen Account—and received by you	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
21/5/1943:	Balance at your Credit	<u>\$256.73</u>

It is the policy of this office to maintain a credit balance in all accounts, and to conserve cash assets by limiting remittances to a maximum of \$100.00 in any one month, for the purpose of making such assets available over as long a period of time as possible.

This office does not pay interest but where credit balances are not required we are prepared, when so requested, to invest such funds in Government Bonds, holding the bonds in trust and collecting interest as due for the credit of your account.

The only claim registered against you is one by H. Furuya Company for \$0.10 (ten cents) and we would ask you to let us know whether or not this item is correct as we desire to have our records complete and accurate.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

Sheridan Bureau,
Sheridan Ontario.
May 27, 1943.

Department of the Secretary
of the State Office of the
Canadian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Grenville,
Vancouver, B.C.

VACATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 31 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	Bill

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of
the May 21st today.

I like to have the balance of my
war saving certificate which is \$23.69
and my \$50.00 Victory Bonds which you
have not mentioned in your letter but is
at your office I guess in cash, if possible
and sent to me.

If it is impossible to have both
the certificate and bonds in cash
please send the maximum of \$100.00
cash as soon as possible. for I
need many things especially clothing
for rainy days which we have here often.

\$56.73

Another thing, I like to have my 2 bank
books of Bank of Montreal and Post
Office Savings in case of emergency.

The claim registered by M. Surry
for (.10¢) ten cents is not
correct.

Thank you.

Yours truly

James Gato

Reg. No. 09226.

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd MAY 29 1943

File No. 5822

Ans. 8/6

Referred Green

sent to Bell

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

May 28th, 1943.

355 BURNARD STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Custodian of Alien Property,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: KATO, Kazuo #09236
Clarkson, Ont. c/o Sheridan Nursery

Attached is copy of a reply to Mr. Cleaton of Victoria in answer to a letter stating his desire to purchase a Westinghouse, 5 tube Radio, Model #566, Serial #A59466, held by the R.C.M.P. in Victoria. With this information you will be enabled to further the negotiations when the time comes.

If these radios have been turned over to the R.C.M.P. and the matter of sale is no longer in your hands, and there is anything we can do to expedite this transaction, kindly advise. There does not seem to be any good reason to let these radios remain unused under circumstances of this kind.

CWF:FF
Encl.

M.L. Brown
M.L. Brown
Office Manager

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 29 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

May 28th, 1943.

Mr. W.R. Cleeton,
R.S.M.
3rd (Res) Bn. The C.S.R. (M.G.)
Bay Street Armouries,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Sir:


Re: KATO, Kazuo #09236

Your letter 26th about purchasing a radio belonging
to the above:

This man was interned but has recently been released
to proceed to Clarkson, Ont. to work for the Sheridan Nursery there.
Presume you could get an undertaking from him to be sent to either
the Custodian, 506 Royal Bank Bldg. Vancouver, or possibly the
Police in Victoria, authorizing them to transfer the radio to you
on payment of the money as directed by the Custodian.

Yours very truly,

CWF:FF


C.E. Fisher
Transportation

Quote: 101-P-3/3

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

-Army-

Internment Camp,
ANGLER, Ontario,
28th May, 1943.

Authorized Deputy Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Rec'd	JUN 1 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Submitted	

Re: KATO, Kazuo, (A-430)

1. With reference to our letter same file as above, dated 10th May, 1943, enclosing letter from the m/n for attention.
2. Enclosed herewith is further letter from this man (copy enclosed) and we shall be glad if you will reply to him direct his War Savings Certificates and Bank Books.

W. J. H. Ellwood Capt.
for (W.J.H. Ellwood) Lt. Col.
Commandant,
Angler Internment Camp,
Veterans Guard of Canada.

Encl: Copy of letter

HWMc/CAR

Envelope No. 143--Safety Deposit Box

File No. 612

KATO, Kazuo

War Savings Certificates

*Forwarded to
Camp for
endorsement
4-3-43.*

A2984651 - \$5.00
A3479253 - \$5.00
A3862495 - \$5.00
A4510970 - \$5.00
A4951004 - \$5.00
A5437440 - \$5.00
A5723273 - \$5.00
A6248482 - \$5.00
A6847522 - \$5.00
A7250549 - \$5.00
A7715603 - \$5.00
A8234560 - \$5.00

*Sent to Ottawa ->
8-10-42.*

Post Office Savings Bank, Passbook - No. 53464
Bank of Montreal - No. 10071

removed 9-11-43

June 8th, 1943

TRANSPORTATION

The B. C. Security Commission,
The Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. W. L. Brown

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Kazuo KATO--Reg. #09236

Thank you for yours of May 28th enclosing copy of your letter to Mr. Cleaton of Victoria. The position as regards radios is that like all Japanese property in the Protected Area, they are vested in the Custodian, but are in most cases still held in the protective custody of the R.C.M.P. As you are aware, they can only be sent to their owners after the short-wave portion has been removed and if the owners are living outside of British Columbia.

We can see no objection to the sale of any of these radios to any interested white party with the following provisos.

(1) That the Japanese owner consent to the price offered and forward his receipt from the R.C.M.P. so that the latter may be released from their responsibility.

(2) That the purchaser forward the agreed price to this office whence in due course it will be sent to the Japanese if he has no claims or debts owing.

We do not know if you will care to send a copy of this letter to Mr. Cleaton, and if you do, he will doubtless understand that he must first finalize his negotiations as to price with the Japanese direct and then forward us the money. We might mention in this case that this Japanese has quite a credit balance with us and only one small claim.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

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August 4th, 1943.

Mr. Kazuo KATO,
Registration No. 09236,
Sheridan Nurseries,
Sheridan, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 25th
ultimo regarding your Victory Bond.

In our letter of the 21st May, we listed all
items in your account. The second item (\$86.37 "balance of
your account with Bank of Montreal") included (1) \$2.60
"balance of account" from Internee section and (2) \$23.67
proceeds of Victory Bond, both paid in to the Bank on your
release from internment and subsequently recovered for the
credit of your account here in the balance (\$86.37) taken
over from the Bank of Montreal, as explained. We assume this
to be the bond to which you refer.

Yours truly,

R. G. Ball,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

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October 27, 1943

Mr. M. S. Brown,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Dick Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Kazuo KATO, Reg. #09236
Sheridan Nurseries,
Sheridan, Ontario

The above named man has written us as follows:

"Will you kindly send my 5 tube Westinghouse
Radio, Model 566, Serial No. A59465, over
here as soon as possible - that is if not
sold already."

The radio in question is RCMP No. 42E/269. We
are passing this request to you for attention.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

File No. 5822
(formerly Internee File 612)

November 27, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

FROM: MR. K.W. WRIGHT

Re: Kazuo Kato

Bank of Montreal Savings Passbook No. 10071 was removed from the
safety deposit box on November 9th and placed on the file.

K.W. WRIGHT

KWW/DG
Attach Encl. 143

EVACUATION SECTION	
MAY 20 1944	
Rec'd	
File No.	5822
Ans.	
Referred	Bill

Sheridan, Wisconsin,
Sheridan, Ontario.

May 15, 1944.

Dear Sir,

You have told me that I owe
\$156.73 on the account.

Kindly send (\$100.00) one hundred
dollars as soon as possible and the
\$56.73 next month.

Yours truly
L. J. G. G. G.
Reg. No. 09236.

5822.

May 22nd, 1944.

Mr. Kasuo KATO,
Registration No. 09236,
Sheridan Nurseries,
Sheridan, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the
15th instant and in compliance with your request, we
enclose our cheque for \$100.00.

This leaves a balance of \$56.73 in your
account and this amount will be remitted to you next month
as desired.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.
Encl.

5822.

June 19th, 1944.

Mr. Kazuo KATO,
Registration No. 09236,
Sheridan Nurseries,
Sheridan, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Our letter of 22/5/1944.

As arranged for in above letter, we
enclose our cheque for the sum of \$56.73.

This leaves no balance in your account
which may, therefore, be closed.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.
Encl.