

Name: Drake, James Isaac

Rank: Sgt

Service Number: R-52121



James Isaac Drake was born the 30 Aug 1918 to Mr and Mrs Isaac Drake. Mr Drake was the Reeve of Caradoc Township. James had completed his Jr Matriculation at Strathroy Collegiate Institute. He was a cabinet maker for Wm Derry and Son. His hobbies were cabinet and violin making.

On the 26th of February 1943 he was part of a night training flight in a Halifax Bomber. It appears an engine cut about 3 minutes after take-off and the plane hit an obstruction. He is remembered in Selby Cemetery, Selby Yorkshire England.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Particulars</i>
	Medal Card: Defence Medal, WMR medal, CVSM with clasp
30 Aug 1918	Born at Caradoc Ontario to Isaac and Elizabeth Drake
18 Oct 1939	TOS Manning Pool Toronto
18 Oct 1939	AC2
18 Oct 1939	Enlisted London Ontario, single, Jr Matriculation, Night school drafting, cabinet maker, bench and carpenter, no previous military experience,

	Baptist,
18 Oct 1939	Attested in Royal Canadian Air Force at London Ontario Carpenter, 5' 7 ½" 152 lbs, Dark complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair. Worked for Wm Derry and Sons as a cabinet maker and bench hand, for A Sutherland as a foreman, for Hein Construction as a carpenter and for John Hayman and Sons as a carpenter. Attended SS#9 Caradoc, Strathroy Collegiate Institute and Beal Technical School, hobby of cabinet work and violin making.
13 Nov 1939	SOS Manning to St Thomas
2 May 1940	SOS St Thomas to 11 BR Squadron Dartmouth NS
21 May 1940	SOS 11 BR Squadron to 112 Squadron Ottawa
7 Jun 1940	SOS 112 Sqn Ottawa
7 Jun 1940	Departed Ottawa
20 Jun 1940	TOS 112 Sqn Overseas
20 Jun 1940	Arrived Liverpool England
21 Jun 1940	Arrived Salisbury England, stationed High Post Aerodrome
22 July 1940	Confined to camp for 4 days for being absent for 3 hours.
31 Jul 1940	SOS 112 Sqn to 110 Canadian Sq <i>Odelum?</i>
1 Sept 1940	AC1
1 Dec 1940	LAC
6 Mar 1941	Confined to barracks for 7 days for "disobeying a lawful command given by an NCO"
7 Nov 1941	SOS to 407 Sqd from 400 Sqd
31 Apr – 4 Apr 1942	RAF Thorny Is from 407 th Sqd
1 Oct 1942	T/ Corporal
19 Nov 1942	Attended Gunnery course at RAF Stormy Down obtained 79%
11 Jan 1943	T/Sgt
11 Jan 1943	Awarded Flight Engineer's badge
26 Feb 1943	Certificate of Registration of Death- killed in a flying accident.
26 Feb 1943	Report on Flying Accident or Forced Landing not attributable to Enemy Action- while on night training flight in a Halifax bomber, Drake, J. I. Sgt R52121 Killed when an engine cut about 3 minutes after take-off and the

plane hit an obstruction.

9 Mar 1943

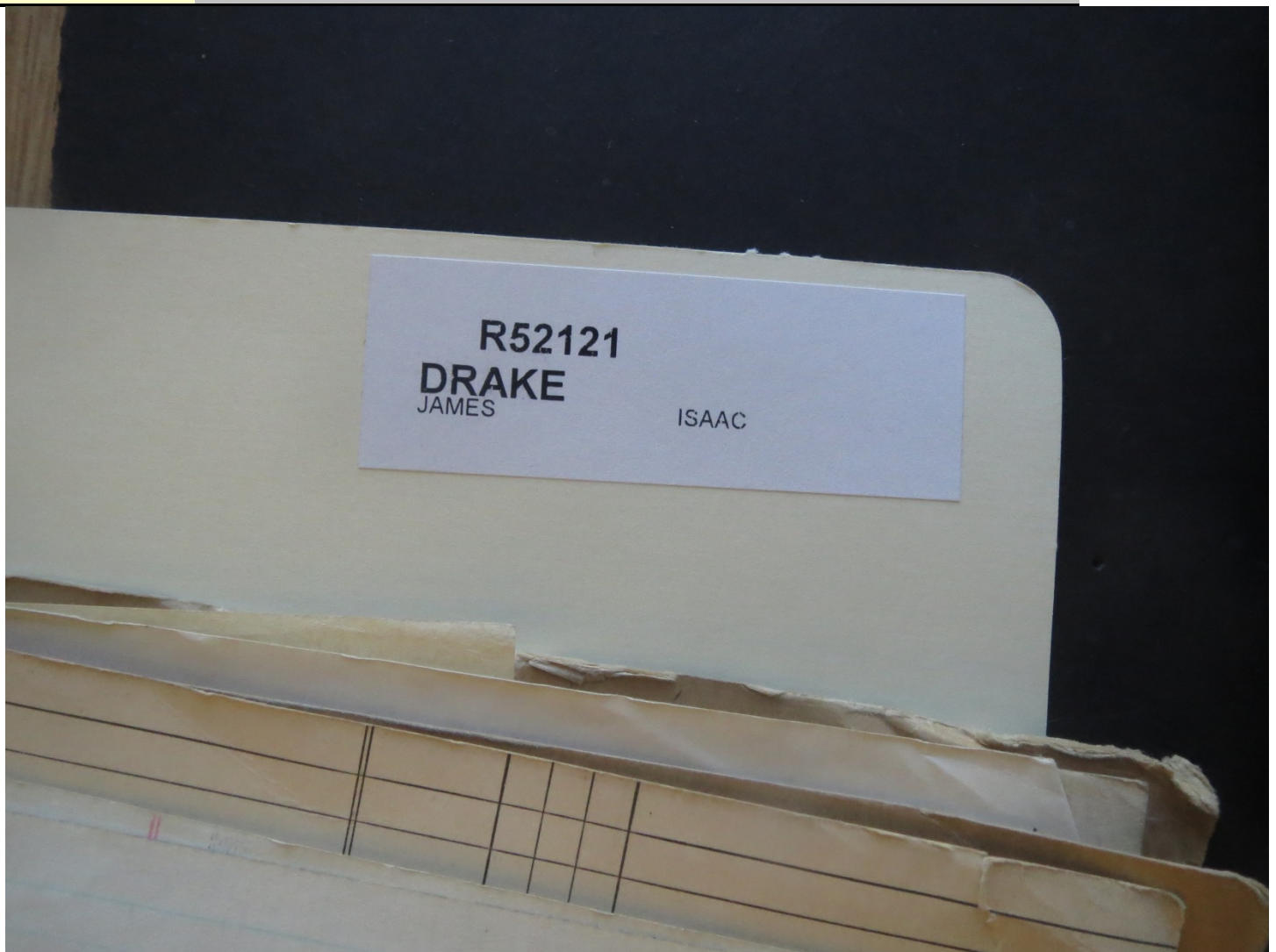
Ministerial Card sent - Baptist

1 April 1943

Royal message sent to mother and father

15 April 1943

Memorial Cross sent to mother Mrs Isaac Drake RR#2 Strathroy Ontario



NAME DRAKE, James Isaac

H.Q. FILE NO. 1022-D-3723

RANK Sgt. UNIT Killed

REG'T L NO. R52121

CABLE		NATURE OF CASUALTY		CAS. LIST	
NO.	DATE			NO.	DATE
DATE OF DEATH:	<u>26 Feb 43</u>	MOTHER LIVING:	<u>YES</u>	WIFE:	<u>NA</u>
MINISTERIAL CARD:	<u>9-3-43</u>	ROYAL MESSAGE:	<u>1-4-43</u>	MEMORIAL CROSS:	<u>15-4-43</u>
To mother & father		To mother & father		To mother	
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Drake,				BAPTIST	
R/R No. 2,					
Strathroy, Ont.					

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ENLISTMENT

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE
NUMBER

PLACE London Ont.
DATE 18-10-39

DATE 18-10-39

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B)
50M-10-40 (7585)
H.Q. 1062-3-59

1. POSTING INDICATE S.O.B. AND T.O.B.			2. RECLASS-NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.			4. TRADE AND CHARACTER			6. LEAVE						
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R52121

Drake

James Drake

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

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PLACE London Ont

DATE 18-10-39

U.S. FORM 6, 2478

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

7. BIRTH DATE PLACE CITIZENSHIP

20-8-18 Paradise, Ont British

FATHER (FULL NAME) James Drake

BIRTHPLACE

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Eliza Drake

BIRTHPLACE

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE

JUNIOR MATRICULATION 1 yr. Ont.

SENIOR MATRICULATION

TECHNICAL SCHOOL 2 yr. (drafting) 1 yr. Ont.

UNIVERSITY

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

9. CIVIL OCCUPATIONS OR EXPERIENCE USEFUL TO R.C.A.F.

Cabinet maker, bench hand 7 mos.

Carpenter 13 mos.

4 yrs

10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

Nil

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

Full Eng. Badge

AUTHORITY R.C.F.C. 11-1-43

DATE

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

Solo

Dual

Passenger

13. RELIGION Baptist

14. LANGUAGES

English

Wood working, drafting

16. SINGLE-MARRIED-WIDOWER-SEPARATED-DIVORCED: Single

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE DATE

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT)

17. MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT

REMARKS

RANK

EFFECTIVE

D.R.O.

18. CHILDREN

CHRISTIAN NAMES

BIRTH DATE

D.R.O.

CHRISTIAN NAMES

BIRTH DATE

D.R.O.

19. NEXT OF KIN (ADDRESS AND D.R.O. IN PENCIL)

FULL NAME Mrs James Drake

RELATIONSHIP Mother

ADDRESS 2000 Broadway, Ont.

FULL NAME

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

D.R.O.

20. PAY ENTRIES (OFFENCE FORFEITURES, STOPPAGES IN RED INK)

RATE CHANGES ETC.

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22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

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Every item of information should be carefully supplied. (See reverse side for instructions)

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED FORTHWITH WITH THE DIVISION REGISTRAR OF THE DIVISION IN WHICH THE DEATH OCCURRED BEFORE A BURIAL PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

FORM 6

This form if placed in an envelope, marked "Dominion Statistics-Free, penalty for improper use \$300," and properly addressed will pass through the mail "FREE"

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO—CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH { County or District of OVERSEAS Township of _____
(If in City, Town or Village _____) (Name) Street _____ House No. _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)
2. LENGTH OF STAY (in years, months and days) (a) In City, Town or Township where death occurred _____ (b) In Province _____ (c) In Canada (if immigrant) _____
3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED DRAKE JAMES ISAAC
(Family name) (Given name or names in usual order)
RESIDENCE No. _____ Street _____ City, Town, Village or Township R.R. #2 Strathroy Province Ontario
(Residence means usual place of abode. Post Office Address for residents in rural parts not sufficient)

4. Sex Male 5. Nationality (Citizenship) Canadian 6. Racial Origin _____ 7. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Single
(Write the word)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

24. DATE OF DEATH February 26th 1943
(Month) (Day) (Year)

25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from:

_____ 19____ to _____ 19____
and last saw h. _____ alive on _____ 19____

CAUSE OF DEATH

I. Immediate cause
Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying, such as heart failure, anoxia, asphyxia, etc.
(a) Killed in flying accident
due to _____
(b) _____
due to _____
(c) _____
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause).
II. Other morbidity conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause.
(a) Date of appearance _____ 19____
(b) Duration of disease _____ days

PHYSICIAN
Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically

8. BIRTHPLACE Ontario
(Province or Country)

9. DATE OF BIRTH August 30th 1916
(Month) (Day) (Year)

10. AGE in Years 24 Months 5 Days 27 If less than one day old hrs. or min.

11. Trade, profession or kind of work as spinner, teamster, office clerk, etc. Fitter

12. Kind of industry or business, as cotton-mill, lumbering, bank, etc. R.C.A.F.

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation Feb. 26/43 14. Total years spent in this occupation three

15. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased _____

16. NAME Drake, Isaac N.

17. BIRTHPLACE not given
(Province or Country)

18. MAIDEN NAME not given

19. BIRTHPLACE not given
(Province or Country)

20. Person giving information sign here James S. Drake
For R.C.A.F. Records Officer

Address _____

Relationship to deceased _____

21. Place of Burial, Cremation or Removal _____
Date of burial or removal _____

22. Burial Permit was issued by _____
Address _____

23. UNDERTAKER _____
(Name and address)

26. If a communicable disease is mentioned on this certificate, give (a) Date of appearance _____ 19____ (b) Duration of disease _____ days

27. If a woman, was the death associated with pregnancy? _____

28. Was there a surgical operation? _____ Date of operation _____ 19____
State findings _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

29. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:—
Accident, suicide or homicide? Accident Date of injury Feb. 26th 1943
Manner of injury Killed in flying accident
(State which) (How sustained)

Nature of injury _____

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place public place

Signed by _____ M.D.

Address _____ Date _____ 19____

30. Division Registrar's Record No. _____

31. Filed _____ 19____ (Division Registrar)

(One copy only to be completed)

R.C.A.F.-R. 81A
30M-9-39 (2131)
H.Q. 1062-3-66

Unit R.C.A.F. Air Force Number R.52121

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname.....Drake
2. Christian Names.....James Isaac
3. Present address.....82 Dundas St., W., London, Ontario
4. Date of birth.....August 30, 1918 vic
5. Place of birth.....Canada.....Ontario.....Caradoc
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)
6. Religion (state denomination).....Baptist
7. Trade or Calling.....Cabinet Making
8. Married, Widower or Single.....Single
9. Name of next of kin.....Mrs. Isaac Drake
10. Relationship.....Mother
11. Address of next of kin.....R. R. No 2 Strathroy Ontario
12. Have you served in any Naval, Military or Air Force?.....No
13. If previous war service, state arm, force and regimental particulars.....N.A.
14. Do you now belong to or have you served in the Royal Canadian Air Force,
Permanent or Auxiliary?.....No.

(Give unit and date of attestation)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, James Isaac Drake do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve on active service anywhere in Canada, and also beyond Canada and overseas, in the Royal Canadian Air Force, for the duration of the present war, and for the period of demobilization thereafter, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so long require my services.

Date.....18-10-39

James I. Drake
(Signature of recruit)

Records Office

JUN 29 1942

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, James Isaac Drake do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

James I. Drake
(Signature of recruit)

O. K. C.I.B.
N. I.
S. L. P. A.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me,

at London, Ont. this 18th day of October 19 39

J. M. Dobson
(J.M. Dobson) Flt. Lt.
Officer i/c Recruiting, RCAF.
London, Ontario.

(Signature of Magistrate
Justice or Attesting Officer.
Office or Rank and Unit
or Appointment.

Have you ever been discharged from any branch of H.M. Forces as medically unfit? No
If so, was the nature of the disability? N.A.
Have you ever been awarded a disability pension or gratuity? No
Are you now in receipt of any such pension or gratuity? No
You understand that vaccination, re-vaccination and inoculation are compulsory? Yes

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Name in full Drake, James Isaac Date Oct. 17, 1939

Part 1. Information to be obtained from the recruit

1. Age 21
2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following diseases?
 - a. Rheumatism No
 - b. Tuberculosis No
 - c. Bronchitis or asthma No
 - d. Heart disease No
 - e. Kidney or bladder disease No
 - f. Gastro-intestinal No
 - g. Rupture No
 - h. Varicose veins No
 - i. Flat or deformed feet No
 - j. Nasal trouble No
 - k. Ear disease No
 - l. Eye disease No
 - m. Epilepsy No
 - n. Nervous or mental disease No
 - o. Syphilis No
 - p. Gonorrhoea No
 - q. Have you ever worn glasses? No

James Drake
(Signature of recruit)

Examiner's remarks re above.....

Part 2. Information obtained by Medical Examination.

(The recruit must be stripped)

1. Identification marks or scars (If operative obtain history)..... Vaccination Scar
2. Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches. 3. Weight 152 pounds.
4. Complexion Dark Color of Hazel Hair Brown 6. Development Good
Fair
Poor
5. Eyes Hazel
7. Chest measurement—Full Aspiration 34 1/2 ins. 8. Hearing—Right N 20' W 0
Range of expansion 3 1/2 ins. Left N 20' W 0
9. Vision without glasses—Right 20' - 1 With glasses—Right.....
Left 20' - 1 Left.....
10. Condition of mouth and teeth Good
11. Abnormalities (Congenital and pathological) found on examination are as follows:
Teeth Tonsils a little enlarged + Red

Part 3. We the examiners, find no evidence of the diseases mentioned in Question 1, Part 1, except as reported in the remarks. We have examined the recruit in accordance with the pamphlet, "Physical Standards & Instructions for the Medical Examination of Recruits", and he is found fit for Category A.

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers may be added below.....

Don Hayill
(President)

Bob Bowen
(Member)

Chas. Buchanan
(Member)

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT

No. R.52121, AC.2 Drake, J.I.

having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation, and that his service reckons from the 18th day

of October 1939

Date October 18th 1939

J. M. Dobson
(Signature of Officer)

J.M. Dobson Flight Lieutenant.

NOTE: Service reckons from date recruit commences to draw pay.

W. J. Manning
F/O for Commanding Officer
R.C.A.F. Manning Pool,
Toronto, Ont.

*The corner of this Certificate
to be cut off if the man
is discharged with a
" Bad " Character
or with disgrace,
or if specially
directed by*

N.D.H.Q.

(2) CURRENT ENGAGEMENT IN R.C.A.F.:—

(a) State whether in Perm. or A.A.A.F.

(3) PRIOR ENGAGEMENT IN H.M. FORCES

(b) Period

(c) Date of actual entry into *Special Reserve*
 { *0* years Perm. R.C.A.F. Service
 { *0* years ~~A.A.A. Force Service~~

(d) Period re-engaged for

(4) NAME, ADDRESS and RELATIONSHIP of person to be informed of casualties (to be entered in pencil).

PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE

(5) Full Christian Names and Surname of Woman
and whether Spinster or Widow

Place and Date of Marriage

Present Address of Wife

No. and
Date of C.F.
Promulgating

	Initials of Officer verifying entry
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(6) DESCRIPTION OF PERSON

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Inches

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Marks, Wounds or Scars

On entry as a boy.

On mustering as a man at age of 18 years

Or on entry at 18 years or over.

On extension of service

On re-engagement.

Further description if necessary

DISCHARGE PARTICULARS:-

Date _____

Address on Discharge

Total Service

towards engagement.....(years).....(days)

towards pension..... (years)..... (days)

R.C.A.F. R. 44a

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(8) MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

[illegible]

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

(9) PROMOTIONS, REDUCTIONS, REMUSTERINGS

Authorizer	Description	Date of effect
Louise P.	A.S.M. Std.	18-10-39
Louise P.	AC 2.	18-10-39
Louise P.	Rene A.S.M. C.	18-10-39
11/20/61 127	Rene A.S.M. "C"	1-4-40
11/20/61 127/160	Kadous AC 1	2-9-40
11/20 Jan 26/140	Klausenfeld L.H.C.	1-12-40
(136)	Rene Bett 11A	1-7-41
(136)	AFMA	
14/4/41 128	Rene Bett 11A	23-9-42

(10) CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY

NAME _____

(in full, Surname first)

OFFICIAL No. 1000

R. 52121

(12) SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS and Courses of Instruction, etc.				(13) TIME FORFEITED				
Authority	Description and Place	Degree of Proficiency and class of Certificate awarded	Date	Authority	CAUSE	DATES		Num- ber of Days
						From	To	
	(No 8 Flight Engineers Course) attended Gunnery Course R.A.F. Stormy Down. 19-11-42. 2-12-42. obtained 79% 7 A.F.S 291/42. $\frac{15}{103}$							

the instructions regarding this form are contained in Chapter 1.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

AIRMAN'S/AIRWOMAN'S RECORD SHEET (Active Service).

Official No. CAN/25221 Name ORAKE, JAMES ISAAC Rank T/Sgt LAC. HOTE
(In full in block capitals, surname first). (Or acting appointment).

R.A.F. Trade Aircraft Maint Special Qualifications (1)
3/Engineer (e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor).

Date of Birth 30.9.18 Religion Baptist Occupation in Civil Life Carpenter

Last Enlisted 18.10.39 Current Engagement O of W.

If a member of the Auxiliary Air Force

If Reservist, which Class ("E," "F," "V.R.") SR Whether Married, Single, or Widower S

Name, address and relationship of legal next of kin (to be entered in pencil):

Mrs James Drake RR #2, Stoney, Ont

Name, address and relationship of person (or persons) to be informed of casualties (to be entered in pencil).

(If this person is the legal next of kin, it is only necessary to insert here "Next of Kin.")

N M K
Any alteration to above (e.g., Promotions) to be made by crossing out and writing above.

SECTION 1.—MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES.

Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of Effect.
<u>Ottawa</u>	<u>High Post Wills</u>	<u>Dep. 7.6.40</u> <u>Rep. 21.6.40</u>
<u>112 Sqn.</u>	<u>110 Sqn.</u>	<u>31.7.40</u>
<u>400 Sqn.</u>	<u>407 Sqn.</u>	<u>7.11.41</u>
<u>407 Squadron</u>	<u>RCAF.H.Q.</u>	<u>17-5-42</u>
<u>Case attached on</u>		<u>19-5-42</u>
<u>407 Sqn. RCAF</u>	<u>No. 4 Sqn. T.T. Hawks</u>	<u>24-9-42</u>
<u>No. 4 Sqn. T.T.</u>	<u>No. 1658 (C) Unit</u>	<u>16.1.43</u>
<u>Killed in</u>	<u>flying accident</u>	
<u>at R.A.F.</u>		<u>26/2/43</u>

SECTION 2.— PROMOTIONS, ACTING APPOINTMENTS (PAID OR UNPAID), REDUCTIONS, REMUSTERINGS.

* Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
<u>Low AC P.</u>	<u>A.F.M. SdL, AC2</u>	<u>18.10.39.</u>
<u>Low AC P.</u>	<u>Remus AFM. "C"</u>	<u>18.10.39.</u>
<u>112 (AC) 138</u> <u>127</u>	<u>Remus AFM "B"</u>	<u>1.4.40.</u>
<u>110 (AC) 203/40</u>	<u>Reclass AC1.</u>	<u>1.9.40.</u>
<u>265/40</u>	<u>Reclass LAC.</u>	<u>1.12.40.</u>
<u>407</u> <u>Pd 4/42</u>	<u>Remus A.F.M. "A"</u>	<u>1-7-41</u>
<u>24/42</u>	<u>Promoted T/Ch</u>	<u>1-10-42</u>
	<u>Remus w/6 F/Eng.</u>	<u>24-9-43</u>
<u>POR 13/43</u>	<u>Det No. 27 F/E Tech. Comm. & Sqn. T.T.</u>	<u>2.12.42</u>
<u>POR 13/43</u>	<u>11-1-43 with 66.2% Det "B"</u>	
<u>POR 13/43</u>	<u>Remus F/E (K) Awarded F/E. Badge</u>	<u>11.1.43</u>
	<u>Promoted Temp/Sgt</u>	<u>11.1.43</u>

SECTION 3.—GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

* Authority.	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	Awarded, Deprived, Restored.	Date of Effect.

CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.

(To be assessed on every occasion on which an airman or airwoman is struck off the strength of a unit, e.g., on posting; admission to hospital when posted to N.E. strength; death; etc.; also on 31st December each year.)

Rank.	Character.	Trade Classification.	Proficiency.			Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
			A	B	C			
AC2	V. G.	A.F.M. "C"		Sat			1.5.40	Ellegible.
AC1	Good	A.F.M. "B"		Sat			31.12.40	Sgt. - R.H. McKay W/C
LAC	Good	A.F.M. "B"		Sat			7.11.41	W/C
LAC	V.G.	A.F.M. "B"	Supr	-	-	Recd	31.12.41	W/C
LAC	V.G.	A.F.M. "A"	Supr	-	-	Recd	24.9.42	W/C
LAC.	V.G.	AFM "A" 1/2 FE	U/T	-	-	-	31.12.42	W/C
T/Sgt	V.G.	3/Engineer	W/C	-	-	-	16.1.43	W/C
T/Sgt	V.G.	7/Engineer	U/T	-	-	-	26.2.43	W/C

POR ²² 42	4-9-42	10-9-42	7 days Leave	RW no 22782	W. Hally F/Lt
POR ⁴⁸ 42	13-6-42	17-6-42	7 days leave	RW no 51134.	
HOT POR ¹⁴ 42	7-3-42	13-3-42	(7 days leave)	R.W. Issued	
POR ⁴⁰⁷ 42	10.1.42	16.1.42	7 days leave	RW 56298.7	
	9-9-41	16-9-41	(7) P		
	17-6-41	24-6-41	7 days	P	
	13-4-41	17-4-41	4 days	P	

RECORD OF LEAVE AND ISSUE OF FREE TRAVELLING WARRANTS

First entry to be made at bottom of above section; subsequent entries to be made directly above in sequence.

SECTION 5.—RESULTS OF COURSES OF INSTRUCTION, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIRCREW DUTIES, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMISSIONED RANK (K.R. 2132, (19) (A)). DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS BY A.O.S.U., ETC.

Authority.	Nature.	Date of Effect.
POR. 261/42	Att No. 8. F/Engn Course 19/11/42 - 3/2/43 as No. 7445 79.0% v. Instrument Manipulation 3.45.	

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

P-52121
A.F. No.

Drake
Surname

James
Christian Names

Baptist
Religion

Born 30-8-18 Place Caradoc Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin Canadian

ENLISTMENT		CIVIL EDUCATION		PREVIOUS SERVICE
Date	<u>18-10-39</u>	High School Entrance	<u>Yes</u>	Jr. Mat.
At	<u>London, Ont.</u>	Technical School	<u>Architecture</u>	Corres. Courses
Term	<u>Duration</u>	University		

RANK	DATE	Med. Cat.	Date	CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
<u>AC1</u>	<u>1-9-40</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>17-10-39</u>	<u>Cabinet maker and bench hand (Wm Derry and Sons) Carpenter foreman (A</u>
<u>13/43 (21) T/Vol</u>	<u>1-12-40</u>			<u>Switzerland-Swiss) Carpenter - 3 mos with Hein Construction Co - 5 mos with Fred</u>
<u>29/43 (21) Cpl</u>	<u>1-1-43</u>			<u>Construction Co, 4 mos with John Hayman and Sons.</u>
	<u>1-10-42</u>			

COURSES AND TRADE TESTS									
Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.	Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.
<u>A.G.A</u>	<u>Std</u>								
<u>A.G.M</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>P</u>	<u>19-10-39</u>	<u>James H. Engineer</u>				
<u>A.G.M</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>P</u>	<u>1-4-40</u>					
<u>AFM</u>	<u>"A"</u>			<u>1-7-49</u>					

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

Wife	Maiden Name	Present Address (in pencil)

Children	Names	Date of Birth	Place of Birth

NAME(S) ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF PERSONS TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES (in pencil)

Mrs J. Drake (Mother) 12 R2 Strathroy, Ont.

LEAVE

FROM	TO	AUTH. AND DESCRIPTION
<u>24-5-40</u>	<u>29-5-40</u>	
<u>18-4-40</u>	<u>1-5-40</u>	<u>14 days Annual Leave</u>
<u>3-4-40</u>	<u>8-4-40</u>	" " "
<u>11-5-40</u>	<u>15-5-40</u>	" " "
<u>21-9-40</u>	<u>25-9-40</u>	" " "
<u>24-11-40</u>	<u>28-11-40</u>	" " "
<u>13-4-41</u>	<u>17-4-41</u>	" " "

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE AND ASSM.	HONOURS AND AWARDS	SIGNATURE
<u>1-5-40</u>	<u>Y Good</u>	<u>Lat</u>		<u>Ellegible</u>
<u>31-12-40</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Lat</u>		<u>R.M. Mackay W/Comd</u>
<u>11-1-43</u>	<u>Awarded</u>	<u>4th Engineer Badge</u>		<u>14/43 (21)</u>

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

AUTHORITY	UNIT FROM	UNIT TO	DATE	AUTHORITY	UNIT FROM	UNIT TO	DATE
<u>Len R/C 8</u>	<u>Enlisted S/R at London Ont</u>			<u>110 Sgr 48/41</u>	<u>Ad 15 Can Gen Hosp</u>	<u>24-2-41</u>	
	<u>Posted to T.M.P</u>		<u>18-10-39</u>	<u>" 49/41</u>	<u>Disch 15 Can Gen Hosp</u>	<u>26-2-41</u>	
<u>T.M.P 35</u>	<u>T.M.P</u>	<u>St Thomas</u>	<u>13-11-39</u>	<u>400 Sgr 41/41</u>	<u>Ad 15 Can Gen Hosp</u>	<u>12-3-41</u>	
<u>A.J. 3</u>	<u>P.A.Q.F Rates of Pay</u>		<u>18-10-39</u>	<u>" 23/41</u>	<u>Disch - - -</u>	<u>19-3-41</u>	
<u>A.J. 93</u>	<u>St Thomas</u>						
<u>n (BR) III</u>	<u>Dartmouth</u>	<u>110 Sgr</u>	<u>2-5-40</u>		<u>400 Sgr</u>	<u>?</u>	
	<u>110 Sgr</u>	<u>110 Sgr</u>			<u>404 Sgr</u>	<u>4-11-41</u>	
	<u>Dartmouth</u>	<u>Ottawa</u>	<u>31-5-40</u>		<u>404 Sgr</u>	<u>4-5-41</u>	<u>23-9-42</u>
<u>12 (ai) 139</u>	<u>High Post</u>	<u>High Post</u>		<u>1243 (11)</u>	<u>10/43 (19/22)</u>	<u>404 Sgr</u>	<u>16-1-43</u>
	<u>Ottawa aero</u>	<u>With aero</u>	<u>7-6-40</u>				
	<u>change</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>31-6-40</u>				
<u>12 (ac) 167</u>	<u>112 Sgr to</u>	<u>110 Sgr</u>	<u>31-7-40</u>	<u>" 1243"</u>	<u>KILLED</u>	<u>1658 CM</u>	<u>26-2-43</u>

R 5212/462

REPORT ON FLYING ACCIDENT OR
FORCED LANDING NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENEMY ACTION

Form 765C

If this incident has been reported to the Air Ministry by signal, quote reference No. and date _____

Unit 1658 Con. Unit, Recall	Group No. 4	Command	Bomber	Serial No. of Form	
Date of incident 26.2.43		Nature of and purpose of which flight authorized.			
Time 22.25.		Nature (i Operational or Non-operational Non-operational			
Site of Incident		(ii Day or Night Flying Night			
Name of Aerodrome or landing ground		(iii Purpose Training			
Details of Airframe and Engine		ENGINE			
Airframe		Single or Port	Starboard	Centre Port	Centre Starboard
Type	Halifax	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin
Marks or series	II	XX	XX	XX	XX
RAF No. (and makers' No. for engines)	V. 9988				
Extent of Damage	E	E?	E?	E?	E?
Missing, unrepairable.					

All Occupants of Aircraft

and

Flying Experience of Pilots

Duty	Name and Initials	Rank	No.	Degree of Inj.	PART A Total Solo Day & Night	PART B Solo Night
Eng.	Drake, J.I.	Sgt.	R52121	K		

SUMMARY OF PILOT'S REPORT:

Duration of flight since last take off. Hours....Minutes....If engine failure occurred during take off quote height.....

Pilot's Report not available.

Aircraft took off at 22.20 hrs. on local night flying and crashed about three minutes after take-off.

Subsequent reports indicate that an engine cut after take-off. A Ground Crew Sergeant observed only three jets of exhaust flames and wheels retracted.

W/OP who was in post position heard report and says that the engines changed note. He assumed that an engine cut.

REPORT BY APPROPRIATE SPECIALIST OFFICERS (A.E. Nav., &c)

The assumption that one engine cut during or at the beginning of the "Take-off" run, conforms with the general evidence available, but the position of the engine concerned has not been established. It appears that a port inner or port outer failed, and in maintaining airspeed the aircraft flew low and straight, finally hitting an obstruction and becoming a total wreck. The reason for engine failure is not known, but it is established that the aircraft was awaiting take-off for 15 mins. and appears then to have taken off without engine check run. It is possible that one engine could have failed due to oiled plugs or excessive fuel accumulation in the volute casing after a long idling period.

REMARKS BY UNIT COMMANDER (to be given under three separate headings) :-

~~Part A. Remarks as to circumstances of the incident. (If it occurred at night or on or near an aerodrome, the nature of the lighting system in use at the time is to be noted in Part A.~~

Part B. Diagnosis of all contributory factors. The manner in which any particular factor contributed to the incident is to be clearly indicated.

Part C. General remarks (including any recommendation with regard to personnel, training, airframes, engines, accessories, etc., and notes of any action taken as result of this incident).

- A. Local night flying Bren Mk. II Lighting. Crashed soon after take-off.
- B. One of port motors failed (probably port inner). Pilot does not seem to have recognised this and held down to maintain speed. No engine was feathered.
- C. Inexperience on Pilot's part, coupled with the fact that the aircraft was an old one which had some 283 hours' circuits and landings to its credit, resulted in a failure to maintain height and speed on three motors with fourth one windmilling - No action taken.

Remarks by Station Commander

I agree with remarks in para. 12.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

GENERAL CONDUCT SHEET

Official No. 52121 NAME AND INITIALS Drake, J. I. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 18/10/39

SHEET No. One SIGNATURE AND RANK OF C.O. *[Signature]* DATE Nov. 20/39

F/O for (E. Collins) Wg. Com.

UNIT AND PLACE	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness (in red)	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Initials and Rank of Officer making entry and Remarks, with Date
Squadron h Post, Wilts.	22-7-40	A.C.2		Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Air Force Discipline. In that he was absent from his unit from 1510 hrs until 1700 hrs thereby not available for duty. (Section 40 A.F.A.)	Documentary	4 days confinement to camp.	23-7-40	F/L H.W. Kerby	<i>[Signature]</i> F/L
Odiham	6-3-41	LAC.		"Disobeying a Lawful Command given by an N.C.O." Section 9(2) A.F.A.	CAN.10122 Col. 7 Days C.B. McClung, R.		6-3-41	Flt.Lt. C. Bushell	<i>[Signature]</i> FL.Lt.
<p>CERTIFIED NO ENTRY</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 24-9-42</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 16.1.43</p> <p>CERTIFIED NO ENTRY</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 26.2.43.</p> <p>CERTIFIED NO ENTRY</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 1658 CONVERSION UNIT</p>									
To be carried over									

(10) Have you a common-law wife—whom you have been regularly supporting and publicly representing as your wife?..... No

If so, state her full name and Postal Address NA

(11) Is your father alive?..... Yes

If so, state name and address..... DRAKE ISAAC
Strathroy, Ont. R.R.2

(12) If your father is a widower and is totally incapacitated from earning a living—are you his sole support?

No

(13) If sole support of father who is a widower—state what amount per month you have given him prior to joining C.F.F. NA

Also state reason he has no other means of support..... NA

(14) Is your mother alive?..... Yes

If so, state name and address..... DRAKE ELIZA
R.R.2 Strathroy, Ont.

(15) If your mother is a widow, are you her sole support?..... No

(16) If sole support of widowed mother—state what amount per month you have given her prior to joining C.F.F. NA

Also state reason why she has no other means of support..... NA

(17) Are you insured?..... Yes

If so, in what Company?..... Great West Life

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance Premium?..... Yes

If not, and it is a monthly premium, you may assign the amount in addition to any other assignment you wish to make, provided the total assignment is not in excess of the maximum monthly amount which may be assigned.

I hereby certify that the information given by me on this form is correct in each and every particular.

James D Drake
(Signature of officer or man)

Date 29/11/39

John Inwood
Officer Commanding for (D.C.M. name), T/Group Captain
Commanding R.C.A.F. Technical Training
St. Thomas, Ontario.

Date

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

APPLICATION FOR ENLISTMENT

(This form is to be filled out in detail and forwarded to the nearest R.C.A.F. recruiting office.)

SIR:

I have the honour to apply for enlistment as an Airman in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The particulars of my application are as stated in the following questionnaire:—

(TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT IN HIS OWN HANDWRITING)

1. Surname Drake Christian names James I saac
2. Permanent Address Strathroy Ont. R.R. 3.
3. Present Address 82 Dundas St. W. London Phone
4. Nationality British Place of Birth Strathroy
5. Age 21 years. Date of Birth August 30 1918 Married or Single Single
6. Religion Baptist Height 5-7 Weight 150
7. Languages spoken English
8. Defects in health, limbs, faculties, etc. none

9. Naval or Military Service:—

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date from	Date to

10. Air Force Service:—

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date from	Date to

11. Reason for discharge from last engagement:— (Copy of discharge certificate to be attached)

12. Are you on any Military Reserve? no

13. Are you in receipt of any pension? no If so, state

(1) Nature of disability

(2) Amount of Pension

(3) Canadian or Imperial

14. Particulars of Education:—

	Names of Schools	Dates of attendance		Full particulars of Courses, Subjects, etc. Documentary proof of educational qualifications must be attached
		From	To	
Primary Education—Public or Separate School	S.B. No. 9 Caradoc	1923	1931	all primary school subject. never finished terms night school on Architectural Draughting
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.	Strachan Collegiate Inst.	1931	1932	
Technical School	Real Technical School London	1931	1938	
University or Schools other than above—Correspondence Courses, etc.				

15. Particulars of Civil Occupations. (Give full particulars)

Employer	Duties, Trades, Positions, etc.	Date from	Date to	Reasons for leaving
Wm. Terry & Sons.	Cabinet maker and wheel hand.	Oct. 3 rd 39	Sept. 3 rd 39	went to join R.C.A.F.
A. Sutherland	Carpenter foreman	April 3 rd 38	Sept. 3 rd 38	job was finished
Him Construction Co.	Carpenter	Oct. 3 rd 38	to Jan. 3 rd 39	" " "
" " "	"	June 3 rd 38	to Oct. 3 rd 38	" " "
John Hayman & Sons.	"	Dec. 3 rd 37	to Apr. 3 rd 38	" " "

In the period not mentioned I was working for myself at my hobby of violin making and cabinet work. Other periods especially are too numerous to mention. My time was spent at home and working around in the neighborhood. I learned my trade at home and from instructive books.

16. Have you any Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to R.C.A.F.? *yes I have pursued the art of woodworking since a child I have mastered the art and am offering my service to His majestys allies.*

17. What sports do you engage in; state whether extensively, moderately, or occasionally. What teams have you played for? *Boxing Wrestling and motorcycling none extensively but moderately.*

18. Have you ever submitted a previous application to join the R.C.A.F.? If so, give approximate date. *no*

19. Are you employed at present? *yes*

20. In what trade do you wish to enlist in the R.C.A.F.? *wood craft woodcraft.*

21. State date on which you are prepared to join *present.*

22. Give names of at least two persons who can give references as to your character and ability.

Name	Address	Occupation
<i>Rev. P.D. Augustine</i>	<i>Claremont Ont.</i>	<i>minister</i>
<i>Mr. John Long</i>	<i>Stearthay Ont.</i>	<i>farmer</i>
<i>Mr. W.M. Grider</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>violinist</i>

23. Remarks. (Give any other information likely to have any bearing on your application) *By corresponding to Mr. Percy Hart of Cairo Ont. of my ability for to electrical knowledge found being an idealist and making ideas practical.*

24. Certificate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing information furnished by me is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date *Oct. 15 1939* Signature *James D. Crade*

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A. Report of interviewing Officer:—

Type of Man... *Hard working type*
 General Appearance... *Good*
 Suitability for R.C.A.F. (State in what capacity)... *As an Air Frame Mechanic*
could adapt himself in many capacities

DATE... *16-10-39*

SIGNATURE... *R.V. Yates Sgt.*

B. Report of Trade Test.

- (1) R.C.A.F. Trade in which tested... *Air Frame Mechanic*
 (2) By whom tested... *Sgt Yates R.V.*
 (3) RESULTS. (Strike out where not applicable)
 (a) Applicant is fully qualified in R.C.A.F. Trade of.....
 (b) Applicant is qualified as a learner in the R.C.A.F. Trade of... *Air Frame Mechanic*
Graded Group C
 (c) Applicant is not qualified in the R.C.A.F. Trade of.....
 (4) Does applicant possess any trade qualifications other than above likely to lead to his efficient employment in the R.C.A.F.? *A good bench hand.*

DATE... *16-10-39*

SIGNATURE... *R.V. Yates Sgt.*

C. Report of Medical Examination.

Date on which examined.....
 Category.....
 Remarks.....

D. Action taken by Headquarters or Unit.

Result of application.....
 Remarks.....

DRAKE—Killed on active service overseas on February 26, 1943 Sgt. James Isaac Drake, in his 25th year, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Drake, of Caradoc Township. Funeral taking place 2.30 p.m. on March 3 at Selby Cemetery, Selby, Yorkshire, England.

Sgt. James I. Drake Is Killed In Action

**Popular Caradoc Township Youth
Well Known Here And At-
tended Collgeiate Here**

Reeve and Mrs. Isaac Drake of Caradoc Township received the sad news by cable on Monday afternoon that their youngest son, Sgt. James Isaac Drake of the Royal Canadian Air Force, had been killed while on active service on February 26.

Sgt. Drake was 24 years old and was well known in Strathroy where he attended Strathroy Collegiate. Reeve John A. Drake is his uncle.

Besides his parents, the young flyer is survived by four brothers, Everitt and Keith in Toronto, Louis and Roy of Caradoc, and one sister, Velma.

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