

# Fewest of the Few Supplement



## SFTS Course 8 Graduated 22 June 1940

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ANDREAE	CJD

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**OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK**

R.A.F. Form 540

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of (Unit or Formation).....Station Headquarters, CRANWELL.

Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
CRANWELL.	1.9.39.		Lieutenant T.A. Tindle assumes the duties of Station Defence Officer. Education Officers - members of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - recalled for duty. Aerodrome Council School closed owing to evacuation.	D.R.O. 170. D.R.O. 168.
	2.9.39.		Lighting restrictions introduced, and guards posted at entrances to the Station.	
	3.9.39.		Receipt of message stating that War has been declared on Germany by the Allied Powers. Group Captain Strugnell, MC., posted to Command (A/Care Post). <u>Royal Air Force College becomes a Flying Training School, and is self-controlled.</u>	A.M.P.L. 319.



**Andreae, Christopher John Drake**  
**(SFTS Course 8, Squadron 2)**



A Londoner, Andreae was educated at Shrewsbury School from 1930 to 1935 and then went to Gonville and Gaius College, Cambridge, where he read Natural Science. He was with the UAS at Cambridge, was commissioned into Class 'AA' of the RAFO on 16 March 1937 and was commissioned into the RAFVR in January 1938.

Andreae was called to full-time service on 15 December 1939 and completed his training at the SFTS at Cranwell, attending Course 8, which ran from 6 March to 22 June 1940.

He went to 6 OTU, Sutton Bridge on 22 June, converted to Spitfires and joined 64 Squadron at Kenley on 20 July.



On 11 August, he returned to base in Spitfire N3293, with damage caused by cannon fire from an enemy fighter off Dover.

Four days later, Andreae failed to return from a combat with Bf 109s over the Channel. He was 23 years old. He was never heard of again and is remembered in the Runnymede Memorial, panel 5.

