

Ian MackENZINE McROBIE

Air Force number: R56-413

Date of Birth: 1920-07-21

Place of Birth: Westmount, Montreal,
Quebec, Canada

Date of Death: 1944-06-13

Place of Death: Combrai, France

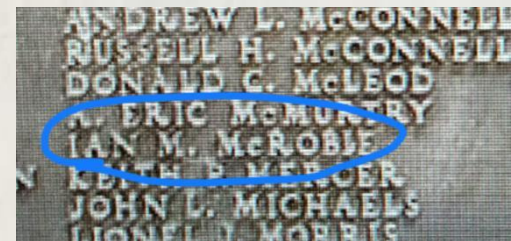
Rank: Squadron Leader

Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force

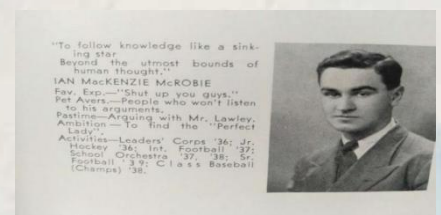
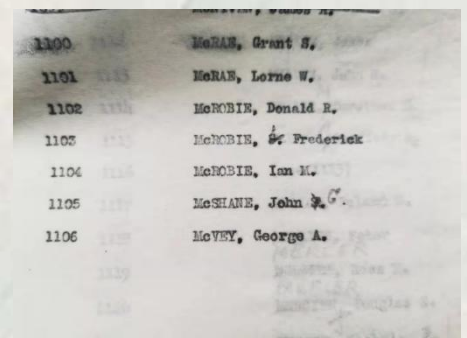
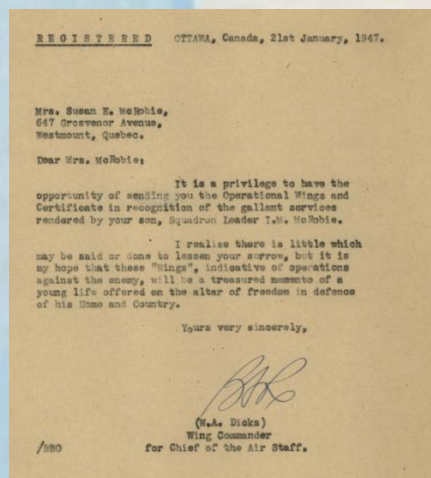
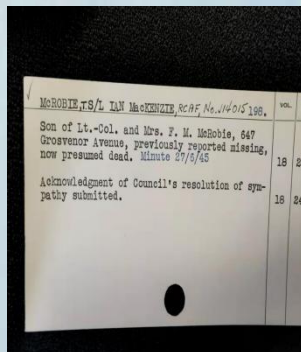


-He died when his plane crashed in Cambria, France.

-There was no body found at the scene but people speculate that he was burned to death in the fire that occurred after the crash.



-In his will, he wrote that all his possessions went to his immediate family members.



-Even though there is no body, his tombstone is in the Runnymede Memorial Cemetery, in England.

-Due to there being no body, his family did not believe that he died, so they requested for the investigators in the army to confirm it again. However, in the end, all they got was the news that his body was missing and he was presumed dead as no one saw him leaving the aircraft afterwards.

- There was also some speculation that he was not in the aircraft but this was soon overruled as before the aircraft made impact with the ground, the aircraft flared.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT
being of sound mind and body, this day the twenty sixth
of April in the year of our Lord sixteen hundred and
forty three, J. Ian Macdonald Macdonald, do hereby declare
this document to be my last will.

I hereby bequeath all my bank pay and cash savings
as I have in my bank to my mother, Susan Elizabeth
Macdonald, nee Susan Elizabeth Macdonald of the city
of Montreal in the province of Quebec.

My other assets that I may have, including Government
bonds or annuities also my insurance policy and mon-
ey premiums as may have accrued from time to time, I also
leave to Susan Elizabeth Macdonald of said city and province.

All personal effects I leave to my Father Frederick
Macdonald Macdonald of the said city and province.

In case I should have issue as a wife, from the date of this
writing, I leave my entire estate, bank pay, insurance
premiums and such personal effects as I may have to her.

Witnessed
Margaret Macdonald
Signed
J. Ian Macdonald

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7. Occupation Student 8. Religion Protestant

9. Languages English (good) French (fair)

10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Fred Macdonald Relationship Father
Address 647 Grosvenor Ave Westmount Que

11. Father (Full Name) Fred Macdonald Birthplace Montreal
Address 647 Grosvenor Ave Westmount Que Citizenship Canadian
Occupation President Canadian Transfer Company

12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Susan Elizabeth Macdonald Birthplace Montreal
Address 647 Grosvenor Ave Citizenship Canadian

13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service: Westmount Que.

426 ROAF Squadron J.14015 R.C.A.F. MONTREAL, I.L. 4/4/43

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R.C.A.F. Special Branch
THE HIGH SCHOOL
MONTREAL
September 6, 1940.

Officer in Charge of Recruiting,
R.C.A.F. Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

This is to certify that
Mr. Ian Macdonald Macdonald from
Regiment High School in June,
1939.

He was outstanding in
abilities. He is a born leader.
I consider him to be an excellent
candidate for the Air Force.

Yours very truly,
F. Macdonald.
Principal.

R.C.A.F. Special Branch
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1. General Macdonald states Sgt. White was buried in the Cemetery at
Capbreton, 2 St. L. Villiers.

2. General records state the aircraft crashed at St. L. Villiers,
St. L. Villiers. General Macdonald held the Sgt. White and five
other men dead, all buried at Villiers and buried in France.

3. I.L.C. report 11/6 Halifax airport via unknown date no
later identified as Sgt. White.

4. It would be appreciated if investigations could be made to obtain
the grave number of Sgt. White and discover the date of 4/4/43 Macdonald.

For Director of Personnel Services.

Copy to R.C.A.F.
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1. Investigating this case I found that if Sgt. White, R.C.A.F. 426, is buried in the cemetery of Capbreton, as is the case, the grave is beautifully kept, with a pile of the aircraft's wreckage as a memorial, but the name Macdonald is not. I would like to request that if it is not known as it is a very fitting memorial, the village may very much of it and may the grave beautifully. Please send with this report a (small) photograph of grave, for publication in the press.

2. As regards the case of 4/4/43 at Capbreton, I have made extensive enquiries as a result of which it is concluded that 4/4/43 Macdonald was still in the aircraft when it crashed.

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1. The aircraft crashed at about 09.30 hours on the 11th June, 1940, near the village of Capbreton and burnt very thoroughly for two days. Sgt. White's body was thrown partly clear and recovered but Lt. Leader Macdonald's body was assumed to have been completely consumed in the fire.

2. The German aircraft on the morning of the crash on the 11th June, 1940, was seen by several witnesses in the village of Capbreton. It was seen to be a single engine aircraft, with a single propeller, and was seen to be a single engine aircraft, with a single propeller, and was seen to be a single engine aircraft, with a single propeller.

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(Signed) J. Ian Macdonald, 4/25/43.

"Government of Canada-Library and Archives

Service Files WWII_Ian Macdonald." Library and Archives Canada, 10 Nov. 2017,

www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/second-world-war/second-world-war-dead-1939-1947/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=245268.

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