



# Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of  
**Pilot Officer**  
**Derwood William Smith**  
who died on 16 Jul 1944

## Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWII
<i>Service</i>	RCAF
<i>Unit</i>	No. 298 Squadron, Royal Air Force
<i>Rank</i>	Pilot Officer
<i>Service number</i>	J21753
<i>Date of death</i>	19440716
<i>Cause of death</i>	killed in action



## Narrative history

J21753 Flying Officer (No. 298 Squadron RAF observer) Derwood William Smith (b.1917) of Vancouver, British Columbia, was KIA 19440716 and is buried at Le Mans West cemetery, Sarthe, France. Smith's Halifax went down at Larré, Morbihan, near Alencon during a night supply drop, killing all six crew members including JWR Fournier of Prince Albert. He was the son of Edward William and Ida Mary (Lowe) Smith. Derwood was born at Baildon southeast of Moose Jaw, educated at Haney and was a teacher when he enlisted at Vancouver in 1941.

## Memorial information

*Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration* 131 - Baildon

*Grave or memorial location*

Le Mans West cemetery, Sarthe, France



(Link to Commonwealth War Graves Commission web page: <http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/33990/LE%20MANS%20WEST%20CEMETERY>)

<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	-----
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	-----
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	-----



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## Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	19170106
<i>Place of birth</i>	Baildon
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19410819
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Vancouver, British Columbia
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Vancouver, British Columbia
<i>Occupation</i>	teacher



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