

## AC1 John Stanley Burrows 539683

John was born in 1919 in Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, the son of Frederick Charles Burrows and Daisy Blanch Burrows nee Brain.

Educated in the village school, in 1930 John was awarded a scholarship to Wotton-under-Edge Grammar School.

By the outbreak of war, John was employed as a WOp/AG with 18 Sqn at RAF Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire. The squadron was deployed in September 1939 to Beauvraines, France as part of the Air Component of the BEF.

At the beginning of October 1939, 18 Sqn were tasked with completing reconnaissance flights in three areas, extending as far North as Bremen. To be nearer to Germany, the squadron began sending crews on 48 hour tours of operational duties to the base at Metz, NE France. On 16 October, the squadron was moved to Méharicourt, Picardie, France.

At 13:15 on 30 October 1939, John, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed Metz in Blenheim I L6694 (WV) tasked with a reconnaissance flight over the Siegfried Line. The Blenheim was shot down by Hptm Werner Mölders in a Bf.109 of 1./JG53, crashing near Malborn, 14 Miles NE of Trier, killing all on board.

Also Killed : Flt Lt Alan Arthur Dilnot (Pilot); Sgt Ewart Harrison Crellin (WOp/AG)

Originally buried in Malborn Cemetery, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany, in June 1948 John and the crew were transferred to the Cologne Southern Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

John is commemorated on Wall Panel 139

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