

## **Sqn Ldr John Bernard Fyfe DFC and Bar IGSM 24208 RAF**

John was born on 14 October 1907 at Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, the son of David Adam Fyfe and Mary Jane Fyfe nee Dickenson. In 1934 he married Katherine Georgina MacNab and they had three sons.

In 1927 John was granted a Short Service Commission and, in 1929 after completing his pilot training, he was posted to India to serve on the NW Frontier. It was whilst serving in India in 1932 that John was awarded his DFC for gallant and distinguished service on the North West Frontier. His Bar to his DFC was awarded in 1933. He was also a recipient of the India General Service Medal (IGSM).

In 1937 he was based at RAE (Royal Aircraft Establishment) Farnborough before taking command of 59 Sqn at Old Sarum. When war was declared 59 Sqn was posted to France, before returning in May 1940. John was then posted on to 107 Sqn at RAF Wattisham as a Flight Commander.



On 11 August 1940, five aircraft from 107 Sqn departed RAF Wattisham to carry out attacks on aerodromes in Holland and France. At 12:40, John and his crew took off in Blenheim IV T1850 (OM) tasked with an attack on Dinard airfield. Nothing further was heard from the crew, and the aircraft was believed to have crashed in the North Sea.

Also killed : Sgt Philip Bernard Taylor (Observer); Sgt Thomas Oliver Price (WOp/AG)

John has no known grave and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

John is commemorated on Wall Panel 167

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