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ROYAL AIR FORCE

JOHN BRYSON.
PILOT OFFICER. R.C.A.F.
KILLED IN ACTION SEPT. 1940.

John Samuel Bryson

Birth name	John Samuel Bryson
Born	Westmount, Canada
Died	24 September 1940
Buried at	St Andrew's, North Weald Bassett, Essex
Allegiance	🇨🇦 Canada
Service	Royal Air Force
Years	1939 – 1940
Rank	Pilot Officer
Unit	No. 92 Squadron RAF
Battles/wars	World War II –Battle of Britain

John Bryson was born in 1913 in Westmount and he was a student of Westmount High. He joined the Royal Air Force on a short service commission in January 1939 and then joined the squadron at RAF Tangmere on October 10, 1939. In the battle of Britain, Bryson was shot down and killed by ME109's on September 24, 1940. His Spitfire, X4037, crashed and burned out near North Weald.

Achievements

John had one 'kill', an HE111 over Dunkirk on June 2, 1940, and shared a kill on July 24, 1940 of a Junkers JU88 over the Bristol Channel. Flying with the 92nd Squadron out of Biggin Hill, joining two other Squadrons in a Big Wing group, on September 24, 1940, in response to a ten JU88 medium bomber attack, defended by over one-hundred 109s, Bryson was "last seen making a solo attack on a large formation of Me109s".

Manufacturer : Supermarine
Production Began : 1936
Retired : 1948
Number Built : 20351

By Jacob Chen & Richard Li

John was 27 when he was dead and is buried in St Andrew's churchyard, North Weald Bassett, Essex.

Battle details

Date	10 July – 31 October 1940 (3 months and 3 weeks)	
Location	United Kingdom airspace	
Result	Decisive British victory	

The Battle of Britain is a campaign waged by the German Air Force against the United Kingdom during the summer and autumn of 1940. The Battle of Britain was the first major campaign to be fought entirely by air forces, and was also the largest and most sustained aerial bombing campaign to that date.

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