



# John Richard Hill

1922-1943



John Richard Hill, son of William Richard Hill and Mary Johnson, was born on November 12, 1922.

He went to Westmount High School around 1935 and graduated in 1939.

John played hockey, rugby, football and baseball.



JOHN R. HILL

John joined the RCAF on June 12, 1941 and received his wings on June 1942 in Summerside, P.E.I. He did his operational training in Bagotville, Quebec before leaving for overseas in October.

As a flight sergeant (pilot), John was part of the 197 R.A.F Squadron who were bombers in WWII. The aircrafts they used were the Hawker Typhoon 1B. They mostly operated from the UK to target North-West Europe, Normandy, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

"Give me leave to speak my mind."  
JOHN RICHARD HILL  
"Aeolus" "Windy"  
Fav. Exp.—"Take out the golden shovel."  
Pet; Avers.—Anything that distracts him.  
Pastime—Taking it easy.  
Ambition—Your guess is as good as ours.  
Activities—Jr. Football '37 '38; Hockey '38; Class Baseball '38 (Champs).



# Memorial Service For John R. Hill To Be Held May 16

**Former Westmount  
High School Boy Will  
Be Commemorated  
At St. Matthias'**

A memorial service will be held next Sunday at three o'clock in St. Matthias' Church, Cote Ste. Anoinie road, for the late Sgt. Pilot John Richard Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hill, of 125 Irvine avenue, who has been officially declared killed in action.

Sgt. Pilot Hill, who was 20 last November, was a junior scholar at King's School, and he took both junior and senior matriculation at Westmount High School in 1939 and 1940.

He played senior hockey and rugby when at school, was a member of the Westmount "V" and a former cub and scout at Trinity Church. His brother is Skipper Jim Hill, of Royal St. Lawrence Junior Sea Scouts and his sisters are Emily Louisa and Eileen Anne.

Before joining the R.C.A.F. on June 12, 1941, he was ten months in the chemical laboratory at the Canadian Tube and Steel Limited. He received his wings at Summerside, P.E.I., in June, 1942, and took his operational training at Bagotville, Que., leaving for overseas in October of the same year.

At the age of 20, John was killed in action on May 7, 1943. On that day, John was doing an operational flight, piloting the Typhoon 1B D.N 407 in Patcham, Britain, when he crashed in Graham Avenue. He had multiple injuries and burns. His parents were informed as well as his siblings (1 brother, 2 sisters). I could not find any information on his family after the war so I do not know if they are still alive or not.

John was buried at Tangmere (St. Andrew) Churchyard in Sussex, UK.

Grave Reference: Row 3, Grave 507



## Some Extra Information:

- John was Anglican.
- He used to live at 125 Irvine Avenue, Westmount, Quebec.
- Before joining the Air Force, John worked at a chemical laboratory at the Canadian Tube and Steel Limited Company.
- He had a scar over his left eye.
- He is the only Canadian buried at that grave site.

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No. of enclosure in Form 48		Fighter Command.	
Based on, or Form 107		or in A. A. Form 107	
<b>Hospital or Sick List - Record Card.</b>			
Surname	Hill.	Christian Name	John Richard.
Rank	Sgt.	Unit	127 Squadron.
R.A.F. or Army No.	104983	Branch or Trade	Pilot.
Age	21	Total	11/12. (Under instruction)
Hospital or Station		S. S. S. R. A. F. Tangmere.	
Residence (See Form 7)			
Date of arrival at depot station	7.5.43.	from	Unit.
Transferred to duty		from	
as invalid or to suit for invaliding.			
Transferred to	7.5.43.	from	
Number of days under treatment			
CLINICAL NOTES.			
Disease or injury Multiple Injuries and Burns. (94).			
How disease supervening, and date.			
Operation, nature and date.			
Anatomical, and method of administration.			
Date	Detailed history of eye and family, if relevant.		
Will be engaged in operational flight plans created at Graham Avenue, Patcham, and pilot was killed.			
Condition on admission - Dead.			
<p>N.B.—In the event of an error in diagnosis, the disease or injury entered will be crossed out in such a way as to remain legible, and the same disease or injury will be entered above it. In the event of a new disease supervening it will be entered in the space attached.</p>			
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