

John Richard Hill

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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.



"Give me leave to speakmy mind."
JOHN RICHARD HILL
"Acolus" "Windy
Fav. Exp.—"Take out the goldeshovel."
Pet Avers.—Anything that distract him.
Pastime—Taking it easy.
Ambition—Your guess is as good as ours.—Jr. Football '37, '38: J. Hockey '38; Class Baseball 's (Champs).





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.

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. Cole Ste. Antoine road, for the late Set. Pilot John Richard Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hill, of 125 Irvine ayenue, who has been offiolally 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 "Y" and a former oub and scout at Trinity Church. His brother is Skipper Jim Hill, of Royal St. Lawrence Junior Ses Ecouts and his sisters are Emily Louise and Elicen Anne.

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

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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