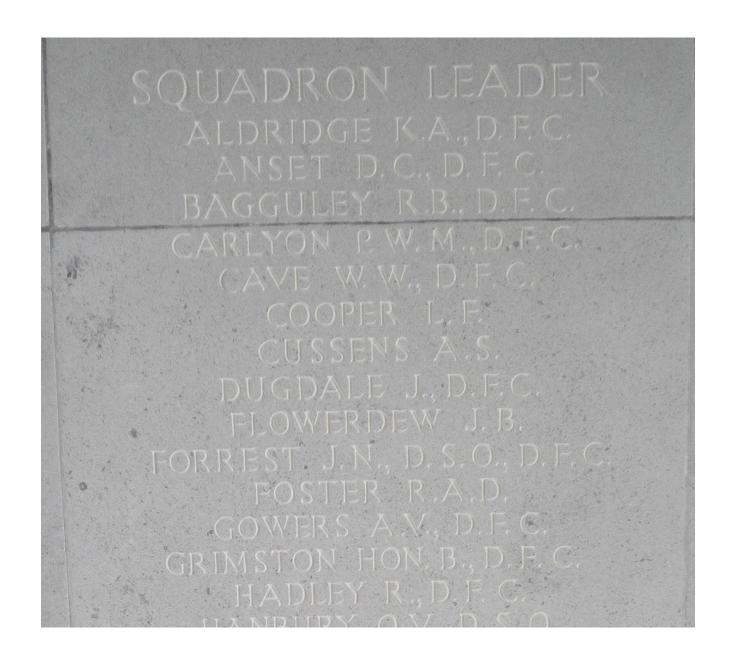
SQUADRON LEADER JOHN BERNARD FLOWERDEW (1919-1923)



Date of Birth	18 November 1913 at Billingford, Norfolk
School Information	He was the son of John Lionel Flowerdew (1883-85) who was one of 10 Flowerdew brothers at the College and brother of Laurence Lionel Flowerdew (1933-35) . He performed as Touchstone in "As you like it" in 1932.
Career Information	None
Date Of Death	5 May 1943
Cause of Death	Took off 2236 4 May 1943 from Pocklington. Shot down by a night-fighter over Holland on a mission to Dortmund
Location	Westergeest, Kollumerland en Nieuwkruisland Municipality, Friesland, Netherlands
Cemetery	Westergeest Protestant Churchyard, Holland and on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey (Panel 118)
Rank	Squadron Leader
Branch of Service	Royal Air Force, 102 Squadron





The Find a Grave website also contains the following information and a picture of the gravestone in Westergeest, Holland :

Squadron Leader John Bernard FLOWERDEW (37542) of the Royal Air Force Lost in aircraft Halifax II HR667 1943-05-05 Served in 102 Sqdn

Burial/Commemoration Details: Panel 118. at Runnymede Memorial, United Kingdom Still missing.

Source: https://www.rafcommands.com/database/wardead/details.php?qnum=72519

John Bernard FLOWERDEW - No.1 SFTS, Camp Borden - CVSA - later KIA FLOWERDEW, W/C John Bernard. (RAF 37542) - Commended for Valuable Services in the Air - No.1 Service Flying Training School, Camp Borden, Ontario - Awarded as per London Gazette dated 1 January 1943 and AFRO 55/43 dated 15 January 1943. Born 1913. Appointed Pilot Officer in Probation, 20 January 1936. Confirmed as Pilot Officer, 25 November 1936. Flying Officer, 25 May 1938. Flight Lieutenant, 29 May 1940.



Squadron Leader, 1 September 1941. Wing Commander, date uncertain. Reverted to Squadron Leader on return to overseas. Killed in action, 5 March 1943 (No.102 Squadron, Halifax HR667, mission to Dortmund, shot down over Holland). Name on Runnymede Memorial.

Beginning as a Junior Instructor in the school this officer advanced to greater positions of responsibility until eventually he was appointed to the position of Chief Flying Instructor. During his whole period of duty in Canada he displayed the utmost vigour and keenness in the performance of his duties. His cheerfulness and strong personality served as an inspiring example to all instructors and as Chief Flying Instructor assisted considerably in the production of satisfactory aircrew for the great tasks that lie ahead. Total flying time 1,400 hours, of which 800 hours have been on instructing.



