

John William Colley

1920-1940

Time at Westmount High

John Colley went to West Mount High school however he assumed to have not graduated or perhaps finished his schooling elsewhere since there is no photos of him in any yearbooks.

About him:

John Colley was born in Montreal Quebec Canada. He was the son of James and Else Colley he went to Westmount high and fought with the Royal Air Force in world war II. He was part of the 901 Balloon sqd

Aircraftman 1st class



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Burial

He is buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey, United Kingdom. The inscription on his grave marks “CAME FROM CANADA TO JOIN THE RAF”



Death

On October 1st 1940 John Colley left for an aircraft mission, he was back and forth from base to the air for a full 10 days. On October 10th 1940 the UK bombed Berlin and unfortunately John’s aircraft was shot down during an air raid battle and he died at 20 years old.

Position at war

John Colley was a 1st class aircraft man who was part of the 901 Balloon sqdn their job was to deny low-level airspace to enemy aircraft they were in charged of all the United Kingdom balloon barrage during the war. His service number:
640700



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