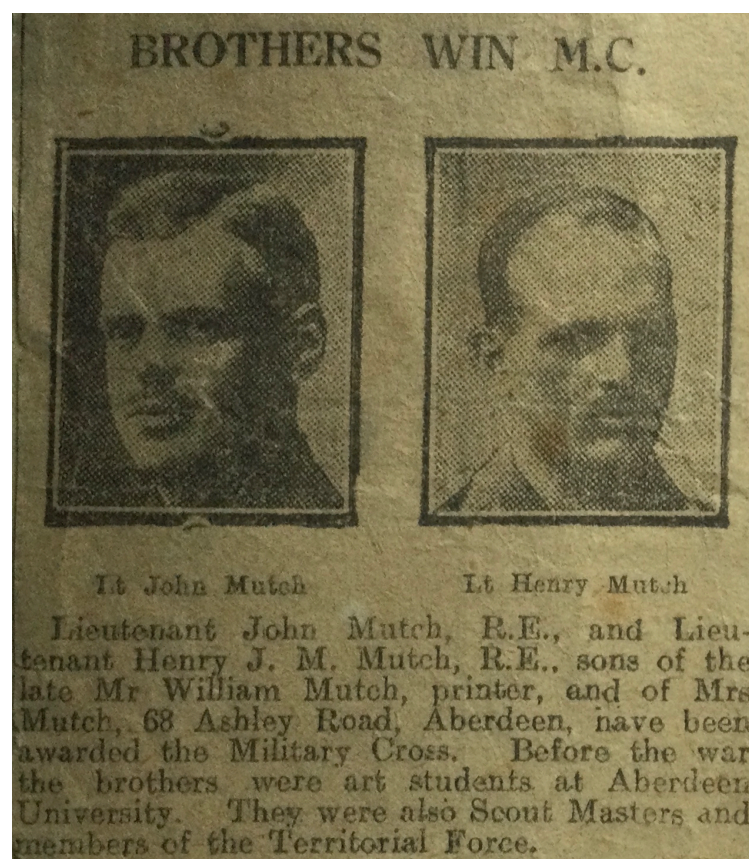


## John Mutch 1892-1941



Nobody is in touch with John's family and there are just two photographs of him. June met him in about 1938 when he visited Aberdeen but she did not know him well so presumably his visits to the family were rare. From various official sources and online we know that he attended Aberdeen Central School \* and Aberdeen University from 1911-14 graduating in 1919\*. He was a Scoutmaster. He joined up at the outbreak of war serving in the Gordon Highlanders and Royal Engineers. He received the Military Cross.\*

He was a senior assistant master at Osborne House School in 1919 and then an education officer in the RAF from 1922.\* He was promoted to Squadron Leader in 1939.\* He married Margret Maude Marie Tebbutt (Madge) in 1920 and had two daughters one of whom is believed to be Peggy whose husband was Bernard and their son was Allen John. They lived at 'Westbury', Western Road, Tring, Herts.\*

He died at 48 of natural causes at Aultmore Hospital in Aberdeenshire on 3 May 1941.

### **MUTCH, John**

S. of William M., printer; *b.* Cove, Nigg, Kincardineshire, 30 Dec. 1892; 68 Carden Place, Aberdeen.

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Senior assistant master, Osborne House School, Romsey, Hants, 1919 ; education officer (grade III), Royal Air Force, 1922. *R. ofS.* p. 325.

*M.* Southampton, 21 Apr. 1920, Margret Maude Marie, d. of Charles Tebbutt, timber dealer (deceased), Piddington, Northants.

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**ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.**  
*General List*—and Lt. John Douglas Rideout MURRAY, F.R.C.S., to be Maj. 13th July 1938. (Substituted for the notification in the Gazette of 12th July 1938.)  
 William Austin Ross, M.D., M.R.C.P., to be Maj. 3rd Aug. 1938.

Air Ministry,  
 2nd August, 1938.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**  
**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.**  
 Air Commodore Roderic Maxwell Hill, M.C., A.F.C., is appointed Director of Technical Development, Air Ministry, vice Air Commodore Royell Henry Vasey, C.B.E., 1st Aug. 1938.

The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments and graded as Pilot Officers on the dates stated:—

1st Mar. 1938.  
 John William Crawford McFarlane.  
 9th July 1938.  
 Desmond Annesley Peter McMullen.  
 12th July 1938.  
 Dennis Gerald Baker.  
 Richard Basil Whittington.

Flight Lieutenant Clifton Stephenson is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader with effect from 1st Aug. 1938, and with seniority of 1st June 1938.

The undermentioned Flight Lieutenants are promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader. 1st Aug. 1938:—  
 Wilfred Peter John Thomson.  
 Sydney Stuart Murray.  
 Gerald Price Marvin.  
 Michael Watson.  
 Wilfred Ivanhoe Harris Burke.  
 William Roy Baird.  
 John Murch.  
 Kenneth Ronald Coates (Acting Squadron Leader).

Frederick Francis Wicks, D.F.C.  
 Harold Edward Dickson.  
 Francis Charles Cole.  
 Edward John Cosebally.  
 Hilary Richard Lionel Hood.  
 Ronald Peart Cautery.  
 Bernard Nelson Matson.  
 Richard Cosby Keary.  
 George Frederick Whistondale.  
 Miles Wilkes Delap.  
 William Robert Worstell.  
 Arthur Edward Lovell.  
 William Neil McKenzie, E.G.M.  
 Desmond John Alvey.  
 John Towers Myrnes.  
 John Melins Cary.  
 John Coverdale.  
 Noel Challis Hyde.  
 William Taylor Frost Wightman.  
 Charles Alpine Watt.  
 Roger Clifton Mead.  
 Roland Eugene de Treveries Vintras.  
 William Robert Sadler.

Roy Severs Darbishire.  
 Ian Balfour Newbigging.  
 George Minna Warrenton.  
 Archibald Martin Watts-Read.  
 Peter Healy.  
 John Kenneth Beav.  
 Leonard Alexander Cuzart.  
 Brian Padoun.  
 Richard Valentine McIntyre.  
 David Walter Payne.  
 Arthur Noble Luskmoore.  
 Francis Andrew Joseph Pollock-Gore.  
 Richard Angus McMurtrie.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer on the dates stated:—

7th July 1938.  
 Patrick George Dudley Taylor.  
 18th July 1938.  
 Stanley Maurice Reid.  
 25th July 1938.  
 Russell John Oxley.  
 Thomas Edward Shirapell-Smith.  
 27th July 1938.  
 Arthur Samuel Barton Bloomfield.  
 28th July 1938.  
 Kenneth Goulding Sharp.  
 Howard Meale Hamond.  
 Vernon Stanley Butler.  
 Melville Neil McFadyen Kennedy.  
 Alexander Gordon Dighton.

The undermentioned Flying Officers are granted the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant on the dates stated:—

14th Apr. 1938.  
 Frederick Arthur Holmes.  
 8th May 1938.  
 Desmond Edward Cattell.  
 20th May 1938.  
 Kenneth Carlyle Gill.  
 14th June 1938.  
 Brian Eustace Smith-Rawes.  
 John Noel Dowland.  
 15th June 1938.  
 Archibald Renwick Leggate.  
 22nd June 1938.  
 Richard Ivain Knight Edwards.  
 2nd July 1938.  
 George Frederick Chatter.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are granted the acting rank of Flying Officer on the dates stated:—

20th May 1938.  
 Derrick Kain (since promoted).  
 John Colvill Richards (since promoted).  
 Edwin John Little (since promoted).  
 Leslie Frank Cooper (since promoted).  
 Gareth Thomas Butler Clayton (since promoted).  
 Anthony Orlando Bridgman.  
 Kenneth James Powell.  
 Patrick John Shaw Shaughnessy.  
 Gordon Cooper Olliv Key.  
 Charles Edwin Harris.  
 Thomas Walter Lally.  
 Edward Halls Dally.  
 George Forbes Kennedy.  
 25th May 1938.  
 Arthur Lushington Vipan.

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Air Commodore Francis Percival Dow, O.B.E., is granted the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal. 20th July 1940.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Technical Branch. 20th Apr. 1940:—

**Group Captains.**  
 Alfred Samuel Morris, O.B.E.  
 Cresswell Turner, A.F.C.  
 David Frederick Lucking.

**Wing Commanders.**  
 Charles Francis Carey Cooke (9513).  
 Cecil Ferdinand Chisney, O.B.E. (9318).  
 John Arthur Gerald De Courcy, M.C. (901).  
 Thomas Reginald Cave-Brown-Cave, C.B.E. (9109).  
 George Bruce Milligan Rind (1826).  
 Eric Charles Dearty (1808).  
 Gordon Carstairs Simpson (1644).  
 George William Brinkingshaw (9314).  
 Michael Walter Crang Ringway (15107).  
 Tom Oswald Clogston (9598).

**Squadron Leaders.**  
 Geoffrey Mungo Buxton (2237). (Since promoted).  
 John Mutch (2666).  
 John Clifford Pore (3307).  
 Harold Martin Russell (2152).  
 Richard Griffith Shaw (9307).  
 John Kevin Rothberg (9844).  
 John Victor Read, M.B.E. (9393).  
 William Flint Beckwith (3603).  
 Harold Berkeley Huxley (3496).  
 Arthur Patrick Chamberlain (9245).  
 George Henry Herbert Procter (26044).  
 Walter Noel Asst (9543).  
 Derek Price (9543).  
 Alan Francis Barendt (3490) (1).

**Flight Lieutenants.**  
 Henry James Irens (3704).

The undermentioned Pilot Officers relinquish their temporary commissions on return to Army duty:—

15th May 1940.  
 Thomas Raymond Barber, 2nd Lt., Mon. R. (T. A.) (4988).  
 3rd June 1940.  
 Anthony Lawrence King-Harman, 2nd Lt., R.A. (4359).  
 23rd June 1940.  
 Neville Francis Canace, and Lt., R. I. Fus. (4354).  
 26th June 1940.  
 Derek Stuart Sutcliffe, 2nd Lt., Seaford (4354).

**ERRATA.**  
 In the Gazette of 11th June 1940. Notification concerning Pilot Officer Charles Trevor Davis (43614). For 12th May 1939 read 12th May 1940.

In the Gazette of 16th July 1940. Notifications concerning the undermentioned Flight Sergeants should have appeared under the heading "ROYAL AIR FORCE" instead of "ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE" and their personal numbers as Pilot Officers on probation are as now stated:—

56142 Marcel Adian Phillips (4459).  
 36594 Robin Frank Turner (4460).  
 33495 Edward Arthur Jewiss (4461).

35391 Thomas Wilton Newbould (4462).  
 56051 James Reginald Cooksey (4463).  
 56152 Arthur Ernest Garrod (4464).  
 56585 Ross Jack Mansfield (4465).

In the Gazette of 23rd July 1940. Notification concerning 36593 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Samuel Smith (849) should have appeared under the heading "ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE" instead of "ROYAL AIR FORCE" and his personal number as Pilot Officer on probation is as now stated.

**TECHNICAL BRANCH.**  
 The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities as Flying Officers on probation:—

**Warrant Officers.**  
 18th May 1940.  
 (Seniority 14th Mar. 1940.)  
 26742 John McKay (44923).  
 19187 John Buckley (44933).  
 35750 Alfred Victor Tarlton, M.M. (44934).

18th July 1940.  
 (Seniority 9th May 1940)  
 36345 William George Anten (44935).

28th July 1940.  
 (Seniority 14th Mar. 1940.)  
 33287 Ronald James Victor Hadley (44937).

26th July 1940.  
 (Seniority 14th Mar. 1940.)  
 34315 Frederick Baden Scuttum (44937).

26th July 1940.  
 (Seniority 20th June 1940)  
 33907 David Christie Struzock (44938).

55617 Warrant Officer Percy Cecil Bevis (4429) is granted a permanent commission as Flying Officer on probation. 3rd July 1940 (seniority 12th June 1939).

The undermentioned Flying Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments:—

12th June 1940.  
 James Bainsaw (3381).  
 Percy Honey (3323).  
 Stephen Vernon Vasey (3385).  
 Leslie Thomas Card (3324).

19th June 1940.  
 Raymond Stewart Robertson (3382).  
 John Arthur Bennett (3328).  
 Arthur William Almsley (3327).

23rd June 1940.  
 Thomas James William Samuel Pearce (3329).

Colin James Fraser McRae (3343).  
 Philip Harold Wood (3349).  
 Arthur Charles Howell (3350).  
 Raymond William Ackman (3326).  
 Lincoln Richard Robinson (3344).

12th July 1940.  
 John Brown Harris (3331).  
 Leonard Scullard (33316).  
 John Henry James Williams (33318).

9th July 1940.  
 Edward Spencer Leary (33338).  
 George John Downs (33332).

2nd Aug. 1940.  
 Ernest George Chessman (33355).

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| R.A.F. EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.   |  |
| For purposes of meeting, promotion, etc. Education Officers are regarded as having status equal to that of R.A.F. officers as shown below, but as corresponding air force titles of rank will not be used:— |  |
| Grade I   | Wing Commander                         |
| Grade II  | Squadron Leader                        |
| Grade III   | } with but after<br>} Squadron Leader. |
| On qualifying for the 15th<br>} increment of the scale.   | } Flight Lieutenant.                   |
| On qualifying for the 4th<br>} increment of the scale.  | } Flying Officer.                      |
| Before qualifying for the<br>} 4th increment of the<br>} scale.   | } Flying Officer.                      |
| [The date shown is that of appointment to the present grade.]   |  |
| Director of Educational Services.   |  |
| William M. Page, C.B.E., M.A.   | 10 Oct 35                              |
| Education Officers.   |  |
| PRINCIPALS.   |  |
| Ivor I. B. Hart, O.B.E., B.Sc., Ph.D.   | 22 Mar 37                              |
| Adam H. Robson, O.B.E., M.C., M.Sc., Ph.D.  | 15 Sept 22                             |
| Joseph A. Taylor, M.Sc.   | 10 Oct 35                              |
| GRADE I.  |  |
| John C. Booth, Major, B.Sc.   | 14 July 36                             |
| Charles C. Broad, Capt., M.A.   | 15 Sept 30                             |
| Cecil M. Brown, M.A.  | 23 Oct 37                              |
| Henry A. Cox, O.B.E., M.A.  | 1 Oct 21                               |
| Fritz L. D. Davie, B.A., B.Sc.  | 10 July 36                             |
| George Lane, Major, O.B.E., A.R.C.S., A.M.I.C.E.  | 15 Sept 26                             |
| Henry A. Oak, O.B.E., M.A.  | 1 Jan 36                               |
| John B. Newman, M.B.E., M.A.  | 8 Sept 25                              |
| Robert K. Phipps, Lieut.-Col., O.B.E., B.Sc., M.I.A.E.  | 10 July 36                             |
| Charles W. Pullock, M.A.  | 1 Jan 37                               |
| Brian A. Smith, Capt., M.A.   | 14 Apr 25                              |
| Benjamin Steel, Major, M.C., B.A.   | 15 Sept 36                             |
| David E. Williams, M.A., F.R.S.A.   | 4 Nov 31                               |
| Norman Wood, Capt., M.A., Ph.D., F.R.I.D.S.   | 1 Jan 37                               |
| GRADE II.   |  |
| Sydney Barracough, Capt., M.B.E.  | 1 Jan 36                               |
| William K. Birch, Major, O.B.E.   | 18 Sept 37                             |
| M.A.  | 10 July 36                             |
| Arthur G. Boycott, Lieut., B.A.   | 14 July 36                             |
| Sydney Brew, Capt., F.R.A.S.  | 20 July 29                             |
| John A. C. Cribb, E.Eng.  | 1 Jan 36                               |
| J. M. J. Cook, Major, M.A.  | 1 Jan 23                               |
| James W. Collinson, Major, M.A.   | 1 Jan 23                               |
| Herbert B. Davies, M.C., M.A.   | 1 Jan 37                               |
| Albert B. Farnham, Capt., A.F.C.  | 15 Sept 27                             |
| M.A., A.P.R.S.  | 15 Sept 27                             |
| Frank B. Farthing, Lieut., M.A.   | 1 Jan 36                               |
| William F. Foulton, Capt., M.A.   | 1 Jan 37                               |
| Richard B. Givard, Capt., B.Sc.   | 15 Sept 36                             |
| Andrew Ginnings, Capt., E.Eng.  | 1 Jan 36                               |
| A.M.I. Mech.E.  | 15 Sept 27                             |
| Edward G. Greenfield, Lieut.-Col., B.A.   | 7 Feb 22                               |
| Frank Harrison, Capt., M.A.   | 4 Dec 34                               |
| A.F.R.A.S.  | 15 Sept 37                             |
| Charles N. Heath, Capt., B.A.   | 15 Sept 37                             |
| A.M.I. Mech.E.  | 15 Sept 37                             |
| Note.—Names are arranged alphabetically in each grade. Promotion is by selection.   |  |

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Squadron Leader JOHN MUTCH (M.A. 1919), whose death occurred in hospital while he was serving with the R.A.F., was forty-eight years of age. He was the second son of the late Mr. William Mutch, printer, Aberdeen, and of Mrs. Mutch, 81 Duthie Terrace, Aberdeen. He was an Arts student at the University on the outbreak of the last war and interrupted his course to serve in the Gordon Highlanders. Later he was transferred to the Royal Engineers, and was awarded the M.C. On demobilization he continued his studies and graduated M.A. in 1919. Later he worked in the Air Ministry and was attached to the educational staff of the R.A.F. In September, 1939, he was promoted Squadron Leader. In his early days at Aberdeen John Mutch was prominent in the Scout movement and was for a time Scoutmaster of the 9th Aberdeen Troop. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, who live at Tring, Hertfordshire.

Re JOHN MUTCH, Deceased.  
 Pursuant to the Trustee Act, 1925.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any debts, claims, or demands against the estate of John Mutch Royal Air Force late of "Westbury," Western Road) Tring in the county of Herts, deceased (who died on the 3rd day of May 1941) are hereby required to send in the particulars of their debts, claims or demands to us the undersigned, the Solicitors for the Executor, Midland Bank Executor & Trustee Company Limited, on or before the 5th day of October 1941, after which date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the • claims and demands of which the executor shall then have had notice and the executor will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose debts, claims or demands the executor shall not then have had notice.—Dated this 2nd day of August 1941.  
 SALT and HOWARD, 44-50, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Solicitors for the said (015) Executor.



Mutch, John

**Rank:** Squadron Leader

**Regiment:** Royal Air Force

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**Biography:** Son of Mrs. Mutch, 81 Duthie Terrace, Aberdeen ; born Cove, Kincardineshire, 30 December 1892 ; educated at Aberdeen Central School. At the outbreak of the first world war he joined the Gordon Highlanders, being afterwards transferred to the Royal Engineers and winning the M.C. In 1919 he graduated M.A. and later worked with the Air Ministry, being attached to the educational staff of the Royal Air Force. In September 1939 he was promoted Squadron Leader. He died in hospital while on service on 1 May 1941.

**Honours:** Military Cross

**Date of Death:** 1 May 1941

**Burial Details:** Buried at Aberdeen (Springbank) Cemetery, Sec. X. Grave 551

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