

# Fewest of the Few Supplement



## S31 Entry Graduated July 1933

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BADGER	JVC



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**THE PASSING-OUT TERM—SUMMER, 1933.**

*Back Row.*—F./C. Cpl. P. L. Donkin. F./C. A. H. Jarand. F./C. M. A. Ayimer. F./C. Cpl. C. T. Weir. F./C. H. R. Tidd. F./C. R. G. Watson. F./C. Cpl. A. C. P. Carver.  
F./C. N. C. Jones. F./C. M. D. Thunder.

*2nd Row.*—F./C. Cpl. B. H. Becker. F./C. D. H. Spencer. F./C. A. D. Ferguson. F./C. M. F. B. Read. F./C. K. Gray. F./C. G. A. V. Knyvett. F./C. Cpl. A. F. R. Bennett.  
F./C. C. F. Pearce. F./C. A. M. Engineer. F./C. C. N. Hancock. F./C. B. Murray.

*Sitting.*—F./C. A./Sgt. B. A. Chacksfield. F./C. A./Sgt. T. L. Moseley. F./C. Sgt. W. D. Disbrey. F./C. U.O. L. G. Levis. F./C. U.O. J. V. C. Badger. F./C. U.O. J. A. Hotham.  
F./C. Sgt. P. W. Bale. F./C. Sgt. I. H. D. Walker. F./C. A./Sgt. D. Finlay.

*On Ground.*—F./C. Cpl. R. R. Fairweather. F./C. K. A. Stewart. F./C. G. E. Peacock. F./C. J. A. P. Owen.



## Badger John Vincent Clarence (S31 Entry)



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John Vincent Clarence Badger was born in Lambeth, London in 1912. He joined the RAF as an Aircraft Apprentice in September 1928. He passed out in August 1931 and was awarded a Flight Cadetship. He entered RAF College, Cranwell, in September 1931 as a Flight Cadet. He graduated in July 1933, winning the Sword of Honour, and was posted to 43 Squadron on the 15th.

At this time, the RAF was supplying pilots for the Fleet Air Arm and on 3 October 1934 Badger went to the School of Naval Co-operation, Lee-on-Solent. He joined 821 (Fleet Spotter Reconnaissance) Squadron on 4 May 1935, shore-based at Eastleigh and at sea on the aircraft carrier HMS Courageous. Badger was posted to the Marine Aircraft Establishment at Felixstowe on 25 October 1937.



PRIZE WINNERS—SUMMER, 1933.  
F./C. Cpl. B. H. Becker. F./C. Cpl. R. R. Fairweather.  
F./C. U.O. J. V. C. Badger. F./C. A. M. Engineer.

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In June 1940, he went to 43 Squadron at Tangmere as supernumerary Squadron Leader to gain operational and administrative experience.



On 9 July, OC 43 Sqn, Squadron Leader CG Lott, was shot down and badly wounded; Badger assumed command of the squadron.

On the 12th, he shared an He111 and on the 21st destroyed two Do 17's.

On 8 August, Badger scored a probable Me109, on the 13th he damaged two Ju88's, on the 14th and 15th destroyed two others, on the 16th shot down three Ju87's and on the 26th destroyed an He111 and shared a second.

Badger was shot down by Me109's on 30th August. He baled out, but was badly injured when he landed in trees. His Hurricane, V6458, crashed south of Woodchurch. He was taken to Ashford Hospital. Badger was later moved to the RAF Hospital at Halton, but he died there as a result of his injuries on 30th June 1941.

He is buried in the churchyard of St. Michael and All Angels, Halton, Buckinghamshire. Badger was 28. He was awarded the DFC (gazetted 6th September 1940) and also received a Mention in Dispatches.