

Sergeant REGINALD HUBERT BOWERS

1402265, 102 Sqn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died age 20 on 11 August 1943

Son of Ernest Herbert and Jessie Bowers, of Shuthonger, Gloucestershire.

Remembered with honour at the FULFORD CEMETERY

The death of **Sgt. Bowers** is another example of the wastefulness of losing skilled servicemen through accidents. Working for Bathurst Boat-builders, which was located on the land now occupied by King John's Tavern, it was refreshingly logical to assign him to the engineering branch.

The *Register* of 21 August 1943 provided both report and an accompanying photograph:

THE LATE FLIGHT SERGEANT REGINALD BOWERS.

Sergeant Reginald Bowers, R. A. F. second son of Mr and Mrs E H Bowers of Elm Villa, Shuthonger, whose death in a Military Hospital, from injuries while on operation while on duty.



He was well known and popular in Tewkesbury, and district, where he has lived all his life; a handsome lad standing 6 foot 3 inches. He had spent 10 days home on leave, on account of his twentieth birthday, and the fatal accident took place within 12 hours of his return to duty. Reginald Bowers who previously was employed at Bathurst's, volunteered for the Air Force, but was not allowed to join till he was eighteen years in 1941. He attained the rank of sergeant engineer. The funeral took place on Friday, with full military honours.

