

Lt. Ernest Ford Howard:

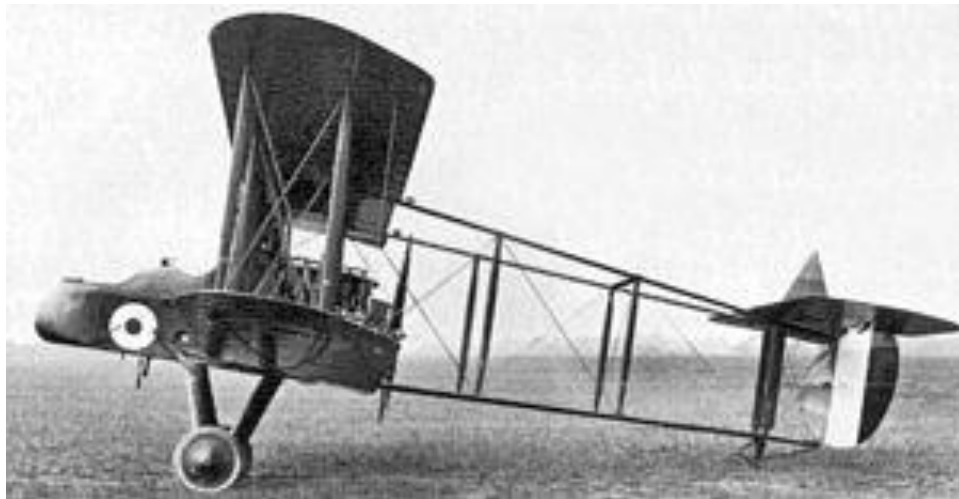
Details of his time at Trinity College School, at Royal Military College and in the Royal Flying Corps were shared by his son, Ernest Howard.

A strong student and avid athlete at TCS, Ernest F. Howard was admitted to RMC in 1916 with the goal of serving his country in the Great War that had been raging in Europe since 1914. A published history of The Howard Family notes that he was able to obtain his War Certificate (diploma) through a special accelerated course and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, heading overseas in September 1917 and transferring to the Royal Flying Corps. The RFC was a relatively new regiment, having been created in 1912, comprised of men from across the British Empire, largely young in age and hailing from various social classes. At age 19, Ernest Howard began flying bombing missions over enemy lines as part of 102 Squadron. He was awarded the Military Cross in May 1918 and attained the rank of Lieutenant. In September 1918, he was cited in the London Gazette, having undertaken 52 nighttime bombing raids and “showing at all times the greatest skill and perseverance in finding his objective... He has set a fine example of devotion to duty and his entire disregard of danger set an example to the other members of his squadron.”

Our thanks to Ernest Howard for sharing this information with us.



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The FE2b, the aircraft in which Lieut. Howard flew 52-night bombing raids



Military Cross awarded in May of 1918