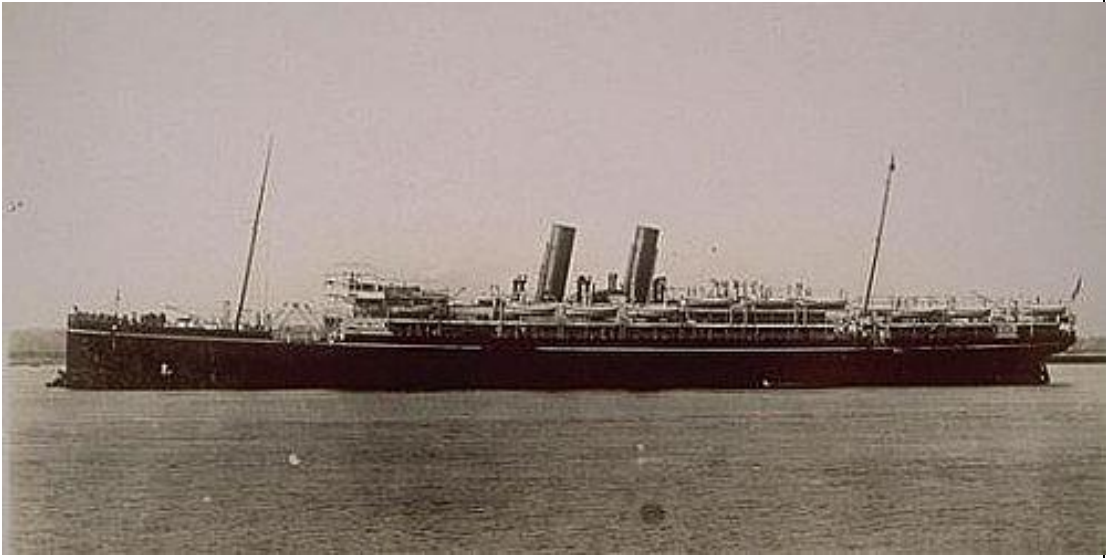




## John Henry Burrows Flowers – naval record

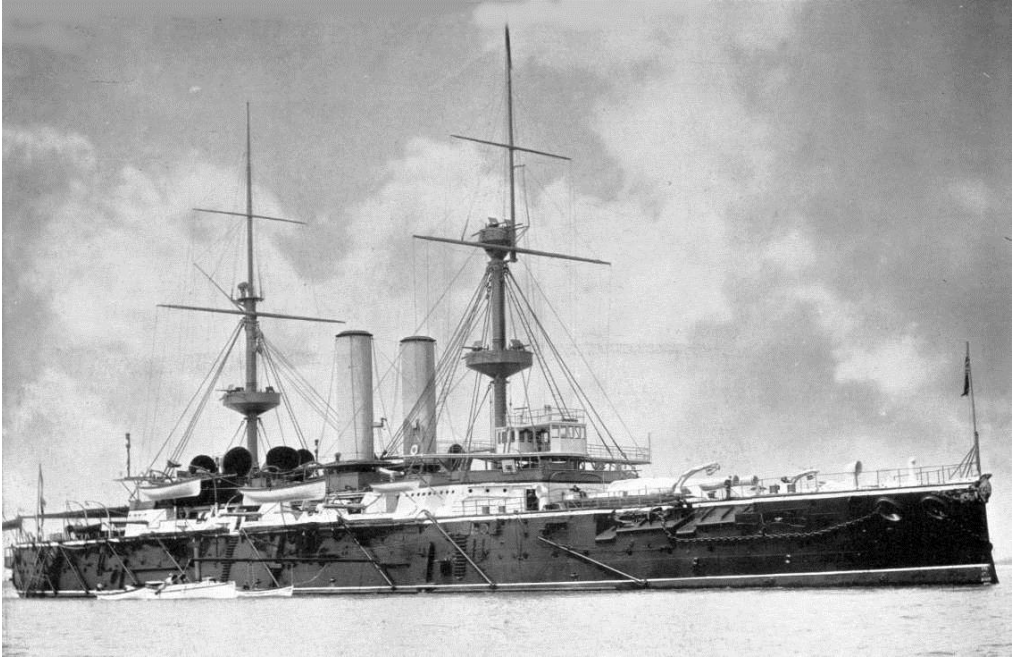
(notes and photographs from various Wikipedia web pages)


John signed on for 12 years on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1917 aged 18. Before then he seems to have been classed as “Boy II” and “Boy I”. **Service number 48108**


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	Ship	Start date	End date	notes
Boy II	Powerful	16 Nov 1915		training establishment at Devonport aboard HMS <i>Andromeda</i>
Boy I	Powerful	6 May 1916	June 1916	
Boy I	Victory 1	June 1916	July 1916	Shore base
Boy I	Moldavia	July 1916	Oct 1917	<p>The <i>Moldavia</i> was purchased by the Admiralty in 1915 and converted into an armed merchant cruiser. She was part of Northern Patrol, British Waters. She was torpedoed and sunk on 23 May 1918 off Beachy Head</p> 
Ord Seaman	Victory 1	Oct 1917	Dec 1917	

Ord Seaman	Mohawk	Dec 1917		Tribal class destroyer	
Ord Seaman/ Able Seaman	Termigant	Dec 1917	Apr 1919	Talisman class destroyer	
A/B	Excellent	Apr 1919	Mar 1920	Shore base	
A/B	Queen Elizabeth	Apr 1920	Jan 1924	Between the wars she was the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet from 1919 to 1924. The future First Sea Lord John H. D. Cunningham served aboard her as Master of the Fleet, in 1922. From 1924 she was the flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet.	
A/B	Excellent	Jan 1924	Mar 1924	Shore station sited on Whale Island near Portsmouth in Hampshire.	
A/B	Victory	Apr 1924	May 24		
A/B	Dido	May 1924	Jan 1926	Depot ship serving a variety of ships listed in the record including Torbay, Sturdy, Turquoise etc.	

A/B	Victory (Torbay)	Feb 1926	Apr 1926	Shore base
A/B	Warspite	Apr 1926	Nov 1926	HMS <i>Warspite</i> (03) was a <i>Queen Elizabeth</i> -class battleship launched in 1913. She served in the First World War and in numerous operations in the Second World War, earning the most battle honours of any Royal Navy ship. She ran aground on her way to be broken up in 1947 and was scrapped in 1950.
A/B	Victory	Nov 1926	Jan 1929	<b>see image 2. His 12 year term ended in November and he signed for a further period.</b>
A/B	Vernon	Jan 1929	Aug 1929	Shore establishment covering aspects of maritime warfare, such as mining, torpedoes and electrical equipment
A/B	Excellent	Aug 1929	Oct 1929	Shore based training school
A/B	Victory	Oct 1929	Jan 1930	Shore base
A/B	Royal Sovereign	Jan 1930	Oct 1932	<i>Revenge</i> -class battleship 

A/B	Victory	Oct 1932	Jan 1932	Shore base
A/B	Effingham	Jan 1932	Aug 1933	<p data-bbox="958 240 1800 272"><i>Hawkins</i>-class heavy cruiser; flag ship for the Naval reserve after 1932.</p> 

A/B	Hood	Aug 1933	Aug 1936	<p>Battle cruiser</p> <p>As one of the largest and, ostensibly, the most powerful warships in the world, <i>Hood</i> was the pride of the Royal Navy and, carrying immense prestige, was known as 'The Mighty Hood'.</p> <p><i>Hood</i> was involved in several 'showing the flag exercises' between her commissioning in 1920 and the outbreak of war in 1939, including training exercises in the Mediterranean Sea and a circumnavigation of the globe with the Special Service Squadron in 1923 and 1924. She was attached to the Mediterranean Fleet following the outbreak of the Second Italo-Abyssinian War.</p> <p>She was sunk by the Bismarck in 1941</p> 
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A/B	Effingham and Hawkins (Dauntless)	Aug 1936	Feb 1937	Dauntless being used for training and being de-commissioned to the Reserve
A/B	Malaya	Feb 1937	Mar 1937	<i>Queen Elizabeth</i> -class battleship
A/B	Revenge	Mar 1937	May 1937	Battle ship
A/B	Malaya	May 1937	July 1939	<i>Queen Elizabeth</i> -class battleship Served in Eastern Mediterranean including operations at Haifa
A/B	Victory	July 1939	Aug 1939	
A/B	Excellent	Aug 1939	Sept 1940	Shore based gunnery school
A/B	Victory (Antelope)	Sep 1940	Dec 1940	
A/B	Victory	Dec 1940	Feb 1941	
A/B	Queen Elizabeth	Feb 1941	Oct 1945	Her WW2 service was particularly well known as she was seriously damaged at Alexandria after explosive charges had been placed on her hull in an attack by two man human torpedoes in December 1941. She then had an extensive period under repair and refit in a US Navy Dockyard Norfolk, Va before resuming Fleet service in the East Indies Fleet. She took part in many offensive operations against the Japanese bases in the Indian Ocean and in support of landing operations in Burma before return to UK before VJ Day. After brief service in the Home Fleet she was placed in Reserve at Portsmouth during 1946. (see <a href="http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-01BB-HMS_Queen_Elizabeth.htm">http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-01BB-HMS_Queen_Elizabeth.htm</a> )
"Released" from HMS Victory 20/10/45				

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Port

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Name  
in full

John Henry Burrows Flowers

Date of Birth 11th November 1899  
Place of Birth Derby, Derbyshire  
Occupation Baller-up Boy

Date and Period of Engagements.	Age.	Height.		Chest.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.
		Ft.	In.					
11th November 1917 -	12 years 3 m.	5	2 1/2	32 3/4	Brown	Brown	Fresh	Scar Lt. cheek. Operation scar Lt. groin Mole R. nipple. Scar Lt. thumb.

Ship, etc., served in.	List. No.	Rating.	Period of Service.		If discharged, whither and for what cause.	Sub-ratings.		Character & Ability.		Remarks.
			From	To		Rating.	From	To	C.	
Powerful	14 <sup>II</sup> 5239	Boy II	16 Nov 1917	16 Nov 1917		SG	12-12-17	Reg.		
"	"	"	16 Nov 1917	16 Nov 1917		Q.O.	1.4.20	3.12.20	Reg.	Medal in Ordinance
Victory I	15 <sup>III</sup> 1170		8 March 1918	14 Sept 1918		SG	1.4.20	3.12.20	Reg.	
Maldania	5 <sup>I</sup> 68		15 Sept 1918	17 Oct 1918		SG	20.3.24		Reg.	
Victory I	15 <sup>III</sup> 8475		11 Nov 1917	21 Dec 1917		SG			Reg.	
Adventine II (Hawk)	12 <sup>II</sup> 133		22 Dec 1917	22 Nov 1918		SG			Reg.	
" (Tempan)	12 <sup>II</sup> 133		25 Nov 1917			SG			Reg.	
Dido (")	12 <sup>II</sup> 44		16 Oct 1918	31 March 1919		SG			Reg.	
Excellent	15 <sup>I</sup> 5033		1 Oct 1918	31 April 1919		SG			Reg.	
Queen Elizabeth	5 <sup>II</sup> 482		11 Oct 1918	31 March 1920		SG			Reg.	
Excellent	15 <sup>I</sup> 5033		1 Oct 1918	31 March 1920		SG			Reg.	
Victory I	15 <sup>III</sup> 3681		10 April 1918	15 May 1918		SG			Reg.	
Vido (Hawker)	12 <sup>II</sup> 101		16 May 1918	6 Jan 1919		SG			Reg.	
(Sturdy, Turquoise)	"		17 Jan 1919	31 March 1920		SG			Reg.	
(Torbay)	12 <sup>III</sup> 45		11 April 1919	30 June 1920		SG			Reg.	
(Turquoise, Tyrant, Torbay)	12 <sup>III</sup> 187		1 July 1919	31 Dec 1919		SG			Reg.	
(Torbay)	12 <sup>III</sup> 15		1 Jan 1920	31 Jan 20		SG			Reg.	
(Torbay)	12 <sup>III</sup> 64		1 Feb 1920	31 March 1920		SG			Reg.	
Warspite	5 <sup>I</sup> 308		10 April 1920	7 Nov 1920		SG			Reg.	
Victory I	15 <sup>III</sup> 1309		1 Nov 1920			SG			Reg.	

BADGES.		
No.	Granted.	Deprived.
1	10.11.20	2nd
	11.11.25	

TRAGED MEDAL  
17 NOV 1932

RECORD TRANSFERRED  
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Victory I 15<sup>III</sup> 1309 11/20 2005 11/25 187 1920



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SURNAME FLOWERS OFFICIAL NUMBER J. 48108  
 CHRISTIAN NAMES John Henry Burrows Port Division Ports  
 Trade or Occupation Caller-up Boy Date of Birth 11 Nov 1899  
 Place of Birth Derby Derbyshire

Ship in which Serving	From	Rating and Discharge	NON-SUBSTANTIVE			BADGES		
			Rating	From	To	G. D. or R.	Date	No. I
Victory I	J.B.	R.B. (by sea)						
Nemou (W. vesicles)	8 Jan 29	---	S.G.	S.H.	Req		S.H.	2
Excellent	30 Aug 29	---	S.G.	10-10-29	10-2-39	G.I.	11. 11. 30	3
Victory 2 4 <sup>3</sup> (Quart)	30 Oct 29	---	R.R.S.	11-2-39				
Victory 1-3	27 Aug 30	---						
Signal Squadron	16 Oct 30	---						
Victory I	18 Oct 32	---						
Victory 2 (Voyager)	3 Jan 33	---						
Humphreys (---)	17 Feb 33	"						
Hood	31 Aug 33	"						
Strathgairn (Danton)	10 Aug 36	---						
Hawkins (---)	19 Aug 36	---						
Malaya	8 Feb 37	"	V.G.	Sat	31-12-29	V.G.	Sup	31-12-40
Revenge	5 Feb 37	"	R.M.G.					
Malaya	25 May 37	"	V.G.	Sat	31.12.30			
Victory I	24 July 39	"	R.M.G.					
Excellent	30 Aug 39	---	V.G.	Sat	31. 12. 31			
Victory 3 (Anelope)	23 Sep 40	"	R.M.G.					
Victory I	3 Dec 40	"	V.G.	Sat	31.12.32			
Queen Elizabeth	7 Feb 41	"	V.G.	Sat	31. 12. 33			
			V.G.	Sat.	31. 12. 34			
			V.G.	Sat.	31. 12. 35			
			V.G.	Sat.	31.12.36			
			V.G.	Sat.	31.12.37			
			V.G.	Super	31.12.38			
			V.G.	Super	31.12.39			

Character Efficiency Date Character Efficiency Date  
 V.G. Sat 31-12-29 U.G. Sup 31-12-40  
 R.M.G.  
 V.G. Sat 31.12.30  
 R.M.G.  
 V.G. Sat 31. 12. 31  
 R.M.G.  
 V.G. Sat 31.12.32  
 V.G. Sat 31. 12. 33  
 V.G. Sat. 31. 12. 34  
 V.G. Sat. 31. 12. 35  
 V.G. Sat. 31.12.36  
 V.G. Sat. 31.12.37  
 V.G. Super 31.12.38  
 V.G. Super 31.12.39

Released in place of A.T. & Co. 20/10/45

TIME FORFEITED AND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

Offence	Sen- tences	P. D. C., etc.	Served	
			From	To

Ship in which Serving	From	Rating and Discharge	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION					
			Date	Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion
			12.7.29	6.1 1/2	35	Brown	Brown	Flesh

MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS  
 Scar of hernia (left)

ENGAGEMENTS

Date of Volunteering	Commencement of Time	Period
12 July 29	12 July 29	20 complete

CLOTHING AND BEDDING GRATUITIES

REMARKS  
 2.5.36 Medal  
 2.1.35  
 Medal 14/4/36  
 G.S. (PALESTINE) MEDAL

TRACED MEDAL  
 17 NOV 1932

TRACED PENSION  
 17 OCT 1939

EXAMINATIONS  
 17 Assessment 26/4/40

WAR GRATUITY PAID.  
 H.M.S. Victory No. 34/36