

NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

Rank:	Name:	DOB:
Flt Sub Lt	Day, Harold	17 Apr 1897
Joined Navy	RAC Cert	Service/REF No:
28 Jan 17	Redcar 2 Mar 17	38982
Died:	Buried At:	
5 Feb 18	St Mary's ADS Haisnes 53 2/3 (51 15/57)	

From Abergevenny Monmouthshire,

Left Dover 12 Jul 17

Joined naval 10 25 Jul 17 until Nov 17

3 kills on Naval 8 by the end of 1917. Dec 17-Feb 18 11 Kills.

Dived at high speed on an Albatross N6379 seen to break up and he crashed to his death, Claimed by Lt G Schuster Ja29 at 1245pm. Not officially reported dead until 29 Apr 18.

Combat report Flt Lt McDonald 218/204/5/2634/8Sqn RNAS

DSC 22 Feb 18 Hard Copy ZJ1/655 Awarded 1 Jan 18

Naval Aces p 49 During a morning patrol by Naval 10 on 12 Aug 17, 23 year old Flt Sub Lt G L Trapp (Brother of SV) downed an Albatros OOC, as did Flt Sub Lt H Day a 20 year old Welshman from Abergevenny. Picture right hand side top of page.

Naval Aces p70 (5 Dec 17) Naval 8's Kinkead was credited with both a 2 seater and a DV destroyed, while Compston teamed up with Jordan and Dennett to despatch a DFW, after which Price and Day claimed a second and Compston, Jordan and Reid shared a third.

Naval Aces p73-4 Flt Cdr McDonald of Naval 8 teamed up with Day, Sneath and Flt Lt Herbert Howland Snowden Fowler to destroy a DV. Having claimed his 11th victory, Day was diving on another DV when his Camel broke up and he was killed.

Camel aces p23 Harold Day from Abergevenny, Wales was born on 17 Apr 1897. His first unit was 10 Naval Sqn, equipped with Triplanes and he claimed one victory with the type prior to moving to 8 Naval and Camels. Over the winter of 1917-18 he added 10 more victories to his score, and won the DSC, but Day's luck ran out on 5 Feb 18. Seen diving on a German fighter, his Camel seemingly broke up for no apparent reason and he fell to his death. A German pilot from Jasta 29 was quick to put in a claim for his fall.

RFC Communiques 1917-18

6 Dec 17 p180 Flt Cdr Price and Flt Sub Lt Day shot down another 2 seater out of control.

27 Dec 17 p190 Flt Cdr GW Price and Flt Sub Lt H Day , 8 Sqn RNAS , shot down one EA which appeared OOC.

28 Dec 17 p190 A patrol of 8 Sqn RNAS attacked an EA scout and Flt Sub Lt Jordan shot it down OOC. Two more were shot down OOC; Flt Cdr GW Price and Flt Sub Lt H Day accounting for one, and Flt Sub Lt W Crundall the other.

6 Jan 18 p 195 Pilots of 8Sqn RNAS fought 10 EA scouts and Flt Cdr R Compston shot down one OOC. While on another patrol, Flt Cdr GW Price destroyed a 2 seater, and later in the day Flt Sub Lt H Day shot down a 2 seater which crashed.

14 Jan 18 p200 DSC awarded to Flt Sub Lt H Day

22 Jan 18 p203 A patrol of 8 Sqn RNAS attacked 7 Albatros scouts in the vicinity of Vitry. Flt Cdr G W Price and Flt Sub Lt H Day each shot an EA OOC

29 Jan 18 p208 Flt Sub Lt H Day, 8 Sqn RNAS, attacked one of 5 Albatross scouts at close range and drove it down OOC.

5 Feb 18 p212 A patrol of 8 Sqn RNAS attacked 2 Albatros scouts, Flt Lt R McDonald and Flt Sub Lts H Day and HH Fowler all engaged one EA which went down completely OOC and crashed.

Headstone: Love and Remembrance Live Forever