

NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

Rank:	Name:	DOB:
Capt (Flt Lt RNAS)	McDonald, Roderick	31 Oct 1893
Joined Navy	RAC Cert	Service/REF No:
15 Aug 16	Curtiss 3395 15 Aug 16	38389
Died:	Commemorated At:	
8 May 18	RFC RNAS Memorial Arras 53 2/70	

Left Dover 8 Mar 17

Came to Naval 8 on 4 Apr 17 transferred from Naval 10 with Roach (also in Cranwell disturbance)

From Nova Scotia

GHQ 21 Jun 18 reported buried in Billy Cemetery Grave no 699.

RNAS Conf report: Report of misconduct in causing a disturbance with another officer (Roach) at night in the Duty Officer's Cabin, in consequence lost 1 month seniority

RAF Museum Photo X003-2602 14670 &1 Dusty Triplane

D1852 left 1030am Off st J Trotzky Ja 43 had made several claims

Naval 8 P60 (It seemed a terrible sacrifice to lose him in one of those low flying stunts that HQ were then serving out with increasing frequency) I then lost McDonald in the same way in May 18. A fine big hearted Canadian whom the Sqn could ill afford to spare.

Naval 8 P149 I remember good old Canadian McDonald as he climbed into his machine to do a real dirty job of work. He gave me a cheery grin and said "Guns all right, Pinkie?" "Think so." "I'll just bet they are." That was typical of Mac. Always the optimist, always cheery and convinced that everything would be all right. Unfortunately, that flight was his last.

Naval Aces P 35 (24 May 17) Naval 8 had a rematch with Jasta 11 over Douai the next morning, during which Booker claimed a D III in flames and shared 2 others with Flt Sub Lt McDonald from St Joseph's Nova Scotia.

Naval Aces P36 Photo outside Dusty II

Naval Aces P39 (7 Jun 17) On loan to Naval 10 for the Messines offensive

Naval Aces P46 (27 Jul 17) Roderick McDonald, who had returned to Naval 8, and Little destroying a 2 seater near Loos. This was McDonald's fifth victory and Little's last before going on a well- deserved rest leave.

Naval Aces P50 (19 Aug 17) shared credit for DFW destroyed.

Naval Aces P73 (5 Jan 18) Flt Cdr McDonald teamed up with Day, Sneath and Fowler to destroy a DV.

Naval Aces P74 Roderick McDonald would share in one more victory, his 8th with 208 Sqn on 21 Apr 18. On 8 May , however, he was killed by Vfw Julius Trotsky of Jasta 43.

Triplane aces P50 Several future aces also opened their scores while flying the Triplane, including Roderick McDonald from Nova Scotia. Born in October 1893, he had joined the RNAS in Aug 16 after learning to fly at the Curtiss School, and by the following spring he was with Naval 8. McDonald scored 3 kills in May, then went on to achieve a further 5 with the Camel and become a Flight Commander. However on 8 May 1918 he was shot down and killed by Vfw Julius Trotsky of Jasta 43.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P58 Shortly after Flt Cdr Booker and Flt Sub Lt R Macdonald(possibly another person) engaged two HA and drove down both OOC.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 89 Flt Cdr Little and Flt Sub Lt R Macdonald, 8 Sqn RNAS, observed an EA 2 seater crossing our lines, and on its return it was engaged and destroyed.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 90 An EA brought down by Flt Cdr R A Little and Flt Sub Lt R Macdonald, 8 Sqn RNAS, fell behind the German trenches.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 212 A patrol of 8 Sqn RNAS attacked 2 Albatros scouts. Flt Lt R McDonald and Flt Sub Lts H Day and HHS Fowler all engaged one EA which went down completely OOC and crashed.

RAF Communiques 1918 P 41 Capt R McDonald, 208 Sqn, dived on an EA two seater, firing 200 rounds from about 50 yards range and another 100 rounds at point blank range from below. The EA went down completely OOC and crashed beside a trench SW of Henin-Lietard.