

## NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>DOB:</b>
Flt Cdr	Price, Guy William	6 Sep 1895
<b>Joined Navy</b>	<b>RAC Cert</b>	<b>Service/REF No:</b>
5 Oct 14	987 9 Dec 14 Hendon	36438
<b>Died:</b>	<b>Commemorated At:</b>	
18 Feb 18	RNAS Memorial Arras 53 2/70	

From Kingstown Ireland

From RNAS Personal record. Court Martialled 10/12/15? Charge reads "Mention in a private letter the position of one of HM Ships (Riviera). To forfeit 6 months seniority, to be dismissed his ship and to be severely reprimanded. (Next article Awarded DSC)

Originally on Naval 13 until May 17. First trip Naval 8 11 Nov 17

Camel B7204 Ltn T Rumpel Ja 23

RAF Museum AC97/93.261 Log book

Auth sheets 18 Feb 18 Price single sortie not yet returned 1441/204/35/8

DSO Gazette 2J1/655 22 Feb 18 Hard Copy

Bar to DSC Gazette 2J1/656 16 Mar 18 (awarded 8 Jan 18)

Original DSC 1 Jan 18

Score 12 Kills, incorrectly states that Wallworth on same mission

Naval 8 P60 The loss in February 1918 of Price, who led "C" Flight, was a great blow. Everyone will remember this staunch, strong and silent Irishman, and the Captain Kettle beard he grew: he was a most daring and fearless officer and it seemed a terrible sacrifice to lose him on one of those low flying stunts that HQ were than serving out with increasing frequency. He was awarded the DSC on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1918.

Naval 8 P78 Determination, pluck and the power to lead were the attributes of Price. Irish and impetuous, he gave much trouble to the enemy for, like Little, he never gave in. Scorning the Aldis telescope for his guns, he would put his head over the side of the machine and watch his tracer bullets riddling the enemy; this gave him no small amount of satisfaction and I can see the sparkle in his eyes as he said to me one day "Sure I drilled him like a collender till the blighter burst into flames." We presume he was killed while

shooting down a kite balloon and no doubt he was looking over the side watching his tracer bullets go into it when a bullet hit him in the head, so he died with a sparkle in his eyes engine roaring, guns spurting flame in glorious action. He had been told his time had come, he would have asked for nothing better than to die like this.( claimed by Lt n Rumpel)

Mad Major P75 My other Flight Commander, G W Price, gained a well deserved DSC that month. Price was a tactician; on 2 successive days he brought down a DFW by a plan worked out jointly with a member of his flight. He was utterly fearless and on 2 Jan gave battle to 7 Albatross scouts which he caught in the rear. Firing 300 rounds into the hindmost machine he saw it burst into flames and fall to the ground.

Naval Aces P70 While Irish born Flt Cdr G W Price downed a V and shared another OOC with 18 year old Flt Sub Lt Wilfred Henry Sneath from Hendon.

Naval Aces P72 Price downed a DV in flames on 2 Jan 18, killing Lt n Gunther Auffarth of Jasta 29.

Naval Aces P73 Naval 8's team effort continued on the 24<sup>th</sup> when Price claimed a DV destroyed and 2 fell OOC to Jordan and Johnstone.

Naval Aces P74 On 16 Feb Price, Fowler and Sneath claimed a DV in flames over Pronville.

Camel Aces P22 Guy William Price was another Naval 8 ace who scored his victories, 12, between Dec 17 and Feb 18. Known as Captain Kettle because of his naval beard, he was born on 6 Jul 1895. He received the DSC and Bar for his exploits but his career was cut short on 18 Feb 18 during a strafing mission. Price was surprised from above by Theodor Rumpel of Jasta 23.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 179 Drove an Albatros scout down OOC

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 180 Shot down a 2 seater OOC with Day

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 190 With Day shot down an EA which appeared to fall OOC

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 190 & 191 Two more were shot down OOC Price and Day accounting for one and Crundall the other.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 193 Price picked out one of 7 Albatros scouts which his patrol met, and after a good burst from about 50 yards from its tail, the EA immediately burst into flames and crashed.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 195 While on another patrol, Flt Cdr G W Price destroyed a 2 seater.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 199 Honours DSC Flt Cdr G W Price RNAS

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P202 Flt Cdr G W Price , 8 Sqn RNAS, attacked 3 Albatros scouts near Vitry, fired 300 rounds into one which fell over sideways and fell vertically.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P203 A patrol of 8 Sqn RNAS attacked 7 Albatross scouts in the vicinity of Vitry, Price and Day each shot an EA down OOC

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 204 Price dived on an Albatros scout over La Bassee. He fired 300 rounds into the EA which fell vertically and was confirmed as crashed by AA observers.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 206 & 207 Flt Cdr G W Price, 8 Sqn RNAS, fired 200 rounds into an EA 2 seater at 20 to 50 yards range and it nose-dived, burst into flames at 400 feet then crashed near La Bassee.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 212 & 213 Honours Bar to DSC Flt Cdr G W Price