

NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

Rank:	Name:	DOB:
Flt Sub Lt	Traynor, Walter Edmund	Aged 23
Joined Navy	RAC Cert	Service/REF No:
2 Oct 15	2589 17 Mar 16 Redcar	37500
Died:	Buried At:	
2 Feb 17	Achiet le Grand 53 2/140	

Wandsworth

Dover 22 Sep 16, not original Naval 8 member. Previously 1Naval Wing RNAS Detached from Naval 3.

Left aerodrome at noon escort to photo recce mission, N5191 Pup Bapaume –Cambrai

Sqn switched on this day from Pup to Triplane, Pups then went to Naval 3 at Vert Galand

Talked to Collishaw of 3 months of hard fighting from Vert Galand.

RAF Museum X003-2602 14390 Photo (German)

Pup Aces P12 The latter was a new pilot as Soar recorded: On February 1 I flew Pup 5196 over the Thiepval district, going down to 800 feet to show the lines to Traynor. We attempted a reconnaissance over Achiet-Le-Petit, but were driven off by enemy aircraft. On 2 February I again flew Pup 5196, but this time to Bapaume. Escorting FE2s taking photographs, I got detached from the aircraft over the lines. I fought my way back to the FE 2s near Cambrai and then had to fight my way back again. Traynor was killed in combat. We were opposed by scores of enemy scouts.

Traynor had been posted into the unit from Naval 3, which was about to move to the Somme. On the same day Traynor was killed, Naval 8 was ordered back to Dunkirk following the arrival of Naval 3 at Vert Galand. The latter took over Naval 8's Pups too, for the unit was about to receive the new Sopwith Triplane.

Claimed by 2 seater crew Bavarian FA261 Of Stv Fritz Kosmahl

Headstone reads: Absent from the body, Present with the Lord