

NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

Rank:	Name:	DOB:
Flt Sub Lt	Walter, Eric Blount Jackson	3 Apr 1898
Joined Navy	RAC Cert	Service/REF No:
3 Apr 16	3716 4 Oct 16 Redcar	37961

Died:	Buried At:
24 Apr 17	RNAS Memorial Arras 53 2/70

Reported on Summary for Vimy 1442/204/35/10

Auth sheets 24 Apr 17

Joined on 18th birthday

N5467 Triplane shot down by LtH Gontermann (16th victim) Bailleul 0800 3 Albatross D

Dover 24 Jan 17 Served on Naval 10 from 12Feb 17- 16 Apr 17, then to Naval 8

Naval 8 P 31 On April 24th we had the misfortune to lose Walter who was killed near Balleul in a scrap with 3 Albatros scouts. On the same day we had a splendid view of a fight in which the principals were Little in a Triplane and a Nieuport from 40 Sqn, and a 2 seater Avaitick. The hun was sighted over the aerodrome at 10000 feet and Little went up after him. (Neumuller)

Naval 8 P 33 On the 26th, I motored with O'Hagan to find the place where Walter crashed, and on the following day he was buried close to an 18 pounder battery near the Bois-de-la-Maison Blanche, Sheet 51B b27, and we marked his grave with a cross made out of a propeller. CPO Scott and a party of machines got a good dusting while salving the machine but they got both airframe and engine back alright. (No known grave presume the grave was overrun.)

Crundall P 63 During the morning patrol B Flt lost Walter. He was flying his own Triplane *Mincol*. He was attacked by 3 Albatros scouts who shot him through the heart, so he must have died instantly. He crashed our side of the lines. Eye witnesses say he was alone when attacked and he put up a wonderful fight before the Huns got him. He was a little fellow, who had not been with the Sqn very long and, being so small, he was nicknamed "the war baby."

Before going on this patrol three of the pilots smoked a last cigarette. The first two were lit and the match striker was about to put it out, when Walter said "Why waste another match, your superstition is Tommy rot, give me a light."

(There was a belief that the 3rd light from same match was bad luck [infantry], he dismissed as nonsense and lit his cigarette but was never seen again.)