

NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

Rank:	Name:	DOB:
Flt Lt	Todd, Allan Switzer	18 Apr 1886
Joined Navy	RAC Cert	Service/REF No:
6 Sep 15	Curtiss School Toronto 1725	37449
Died:	Commemorated At:	
4 Jan 17	RNAS Memorial Arras 53 2/70	

Dover 29 Nov 15 attached Naval No 1 Wing. Joined Naval 8 on 1 Dec 16 "delayed due to stress"

Pup N5193 Red Baron 16th Kill took off Vert Galand 1430, killed 13Km SE of Pronville 1615 (German time)

Von Richthofen visited site and took trophies but body of Todd never recovered.

Other report Achiet le Grand attacked by 7 EA at 3.15 pm

Red Baron Book P66 Von Richthofen visited site and had details of Todd. Some effects were attached to Combat report written by Von Richthofen.

Naval 8 P 20 In the New Year promotions list Mackenzie went up to Flt Cdr , and Thom, Booker, Compston, Wood, Todd and Grange to Flt Lts

Naval Aces P22 On 4 Jan 17 Grange was leading Little and Flt Sub Lt (Flt Lt) Allan Todd when they dived on 7 Albatross D IIs. Grange claimed an enemy aircraft destroyed and 2 OOC, but 3 Albatros scouts got on Todd's tail. Little, coming to his assistance, saw Todd twist to the left and lose his left wings. As both sides retired, Little observed a crowd gathered around Todd's Pup, while a German aeroplane lay on its back nearby and 2 others had forced landed in an adjacent field.

Grange got credit for all 3 claims, although Jasta 'Boelcke' opponents suffered no casualties. Todd had been slain by Lt Manfred von Richthofen, who cut serial N5187 from the fighter's fuselage for his trophy collection and submitted his own report of the action:

"About 1615 hrs, just starting out, we saw above us at 400 metres altitude 4 aeroplanes, unmolested by our artillery. Only when they were approaching did we notice that they were English. One of the English aeroplanes attacked us, and we saw immediately that the enemy aeroplane was superior to ours. Only because we were 3 against one did we detect the enemies' weak points. I managed to get behind him and shot him down. The aeroplane broke apart whilst falling.

RAF Museum AC 98/31/16 Correspondence career info CWGC. Photographs

Under the guns of the Red Baron P 51 & 52

30 years old but not mentioned as others referred to as old man of the Sqn (Bromet was 25)

RFC Communiques 1915-16 P332 Flt Lt Hervey, Flt Sub Lts Soar, Todd and Little, all of the RNAS Sqn, had encounters with, and drove off, hostile machines.

RFC Communiques 1917-18 P 7 Casualties – Missing. Flt Sub Lt A S Todd 8 Sqn RNAS and Flt Sub Lt J C Croft 8 Sqn RNAS.