

## NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

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| <b>Rank:</b>       | <b>Name:</b>                | <b>DOB:</b>            |
| Flt Sub Lt         | Pailthorpe, Harold Anderson | 25 JUL 1890            |
| <b>Joined Navy</b> | <b>RAC Cert</b>             | <b>Service/REF No:</b> |
| 8 Nov 15           | 2859 11 May 16 Chingford    | 37685                  |

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| <b>Died:</b> | <b>Buried At:</b>                        |
| 23 May 17    | Cabaret Rouge 53 2/28 (51 15/70) XV G 24 |

Left Dover 7 Mar 17

25 May 17 Reported Missing (as Flt Lt) 1440/204/35/7A, second mission of day first at 5.45 am uneventful. German message states Pailthorpe Killed. Cemetery very close to Mont St Eloi, body possibly recovered?

7 May 17 Combat Report 218/204/2634/8Sqn RNAS, 23 May Combat Report 218/204/2634/8Sqn RNAS by Flt Lt GG Simpson

Killed by LtN Hintsch 2115 Carvin in Triplane N5481

Naval 8 P25 27 Mar 17 We didn't make a lucky start from Furnes. First of all the weather caused delays, then Compston and Pailthorpe damaged their machines on landing at Auchel because the wind indicator had been wrongly laid out

Naval 8 P35 On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, "A" Flight, ably led by Simpson, had a big scrap with 11 Albatross scouts within sight of the aerodrome. "C" Flight went up to help them but couldn't get there in time to be of much use, and although our fellows stuck to it splendidly, they were outnumbered and got badly knocked about. We lost Pailthorpe, and had Hall wounded. Bennett's machine was shot about badly and he himself had a marvellous escape. The day ended with a sporting attempt by a Hun to bomb our aerodrome. Booker's flight had just landed when the shout went up "Hun at 300 feet approaching the aerodrome." At the same moment all the AA for miles around (including our Lewis guns) opened up on him, and Booker, Soar and McCudden jumped into their machines and were away after him. The Hun turned for home as soon as he saw he had been spotted but our fellows caught him over Souchez and gave him a hot time. In the failing light he made good his escape and was last seen over Lens. A thrilling episode which gave credit to both sides.

Naval Aces P35 Naval 8's Booker and Little jointly destroyed a DIII on 23 May, while Simpson claimed another and Soar teamed up with Flt Sub Lt Jenner-Parsons to dive down a 2 seater OOC. Flt Sub Lt H A Pailthorpe was killed by LtN Hans Hintsch of Jasta 11,

however, while Flt Sub Lt F V Hall, who had transferred in from Naval 4 on 5 May was wounded and invalided out of the Sqn.

Crundall P72 8 May. In the morning I went to Bethune with Flt Lt Pailthorpe who is 29 years of age, the old man of the Sqn. He has played cricket for Nottinghamshire.

RFC Communiques P52 Flt Sub Lt H A Pailthorpe, 8 Sqn RNAS, was suddenly attacked by a hostile scout which he engaged and finally destroyed.

From Herne Bay Kent, father in Hornchurch

Spent some time at Cranwell and Westgate possibly instructing

Admitted Chatham Hospital Syphillis 31 Jul 16, Injection 22 Aug 16.

Headstone reads. Faithful Lovable Vigilant True. Now at Peace

Mentioned in Despatches