

## NAVAL 8 (208) Squadron Pilot

<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>DOB:</b>
Flt Sub Lt	Cuzner Albert Edward	31 Aug 1890
<b>Joined Navy</b>	<b>RAC Cert</b>	<b>Service/REF No:</b>
3 Sep 16	3627 3 Sep 16 Curtiss School Canada	35419
<b>Died:</b>		<b>Commemorated At:</b>
29 Apr 17		RNAS Mem 53 2/70

52<sup>nd</sup> Kill of Von Richthofen triplane N5463, 1940 henin leitard (german time) separated from formation attacked by superior numbers, red baron book states no of missions.

Took off 1720 with Mcdonald, Johnston, Little.

Crundall P44 16 mar 17 "Flt Sub Lts Cuzner and Hammond joined the sqn. Land at t Leger.

Crundall P68 29 Apr 17 "In the evening Cuzner went on patrol and did not return. Nobody knows what happened to him so he has been posted missing."

Medals not claimed by family, no next of kin details. Reported in a letter by Johnstone in 1931.

RAF museum AC98/31/82, correspondence. Lots of information in letters from the 1980s. Photo of "Death Penny" so can assume medals were eventually sent.

Reported missing in Vimy summary Air 1442/204/35/10

RNAS service record ADM 273/10/157

Under the guns of the Red Baron P134-6 Profile of Cuzner and description of combat.

Naval aces P31 "In fact the Triplanes did engage the Germans, but their formation broke up and 26 year old Canadian Flt Sub Lt Cuzner made the error of giving up his altitude advantage to square off with the more experienced von Richthofen. The latter subsequently reported 'The aeroplane I had singled out caught fire and, after a short time, burned in the air and fell N of Henin'. Cuzner was the baron's 52<sup>nd</sup> victory, and his only one over a Triplane.

Triplane aces P27 "One of these had been Sopwith Triplane N5463, flown by Canadian Flt Sub Lt A E Cuzner, who was killed."