

Richard Laughton

From: Trevor Henshaw <t.henshaw@talktalk.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Richard Laughton
Subject: Re: Final Report - Lieutenant Spence
Attachments: 107Sqn 18th July 1918 for Richard.doc

I've just read my notes I sent you about these two, back in December 2017. I enclose them again for you.

Trevor

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From: [Trevor Henshaw](#)
To: [Richard Laughton](#)
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:00 PM
Subject: Re: Final Report - Lieutenant Spence

Hi Richard,

Yes, I know these two - I think we need not to be too clever about this pair of airmen, buried beside each other, and which between the details readable on the COG, supply such a connected, coherent story. As someone who has spent 35 years looking at these chaps - two aviators found together SAYS CREW. Airmen are not found like dead and lost soldiers - they're next to each other, or beside each other because they were a CREW - not because they were both killed on the same day in a battle, and fell near one another. They possess an inherent link. So, to summarise why BOTH seem so nailed on:

1. Next to each other
2. The date provided in one entry
3. The attached Scottish Regt in the other

Of course, there are instances of crews killed and not found buried together - but the explanations are because they were hit by AA, or one fell out, or one became a POW or a POW DoW 50km away. I can do some work on this if you wish. I have every KIA in my book listed where they were found after the war.

I have some cleaned up versions of the COGs as well.

Cheers for now. PS Have you downloaded their AIR76's?

Trevor

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From: [Richard Laughton](#)
To: [Trevor Henshaw](#)
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:52 PM
Subject: Final Report - Lieutenant Spence

Got it!

I was looking in the text, not the attachments.

It is still very early in the morning here in Canada!

I will give it a few hours and then do a final check, then fire it off.

Thanks for your assistance, greatly appreciated.

Now the next question:

Can you send me the AIR1 documents for:

1. [Captain Cecil Barrow Dickie](#)
2. [Captain Roy Edward Dubber](#)

I might as well take a crack at that case while all this information is fresh in my mind. We can use the same preamble.

Captain Dickie is a "slam dunk" but Captain Dubber will be questioned by the reviewers, unless we can eliminate all other candidates. If we could find all these lads from that period then the matter would be simplified. Go have another dream and see what you find ☺.

From: Trevor Henshaw [<mailto:t.henshaw@talktalk.net>]

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:25 AM

To: Richard Laughton

Subject: Re: Final Draft Report - Lieutenant Spence

Excellent executive decision to add the Champagne-Marne bit. It all makes sense now. If you go to your Page 17 - just under the heading of "ATTACHMENT #7a" there's a Ref to an Air1 Document. That should end up looking like: "AIR1/857/204/5/413" - ditto, then on pp.18, 19 and 20. Then on p21, change that one to "AIR1/2395/258/1" Then it's perfect!

Well done,

Trevor