

BIRTH: 1920 Cowes (IW Registrars ref: C59/E134)
Eugene Patrick O'SULLIVAN (mother's maiden name DEANE)

MARRIAGE: 4th ¼ 1941 (General Registrars ref: Islington Reg Dist. Vol 1B. Page 538)
Eugene P. O'SULLIVAN & Marie E. ELMER

Commonwealth War Grave information

O'SULLIVAN, EUGENE PATRICK

Rank: Petty Officer

Service No: P/JX 148118

Date of Death: 18/06/1942 Age: 22

Regiment/Service: Royal Navy H.M.S. Wild Swan

Panel Reference: Panel 62, Column 2.

Memorial: Portsmouth Naval Memorial

Additional Information: Son of F. O'Sullivan and of Catherine O'Sullivan (nee Dean); husband of Marie Edith O'Sullivan, of Windsor.

REPORT IN THE MONTREAL GAZETTE

(Wireless from London, June 19)

H.M.S. WILD SWAN SUNK - British Destroyer Downed 6 Nazi Planes First.

The sinking of the old British destroyer Wild Swan---but not before she had shot down six of twelve German planes that attacked her---was announced by the Admiralty today.

The Wild Swan, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Cecil Sclater, was apparently on patrol in the Atlantic 100 miles off the French coast when a German Squadron attacked. There were Spanish trawlers fishing in the vicinity and these were also attacked by the Germans. Sounding the alarm, the Wild Swan put up everything she had in her barrage. Four Germans crashed almost immediately and two more, probably hit, collided in the air and crashed into the sea. Three Spanish trawlers were sunk and a fourth was damaged, the Admiralty said. The Wild Swan, also damaged by bombs, rammed a damaged trawler which then sank. Her crew of eleven men were picked up and landed at a British port. Subsequently the Wild Swan sank. Most of the crew were picked up but there were a small number of casualties.
