

Loaned by Angus Maberley-Tucker (Year 9) son of Faith Tucker and Alexander (Za) Maberley, war-time memorabilia of Za's grandfather, Clifford J Toon (1934-1936). Fifteen items photographed and returned, 4 May 2015.

1. A standard Sports Certificate awarded to CJ Toon, for swimming, the 33 1/3 yard Back Stroke Handicap in 1936. (As well as being a swimmer, he played rugby for the Second XV, played cricket, boxed and was a chorister. On leaving school he worked for Macky, Logan, Caldwell, Clothing Manufacturers).
 2. Ten photographs, mainly groups (not identified) and one portrait.
 3. One squadron greeting card (144 Squadron) sent to his family and signed 'Cliff'.
 4. A Flight Sergeant's stripes.
 5. Two undated newspaper clippings.
- The image here is of one of the newspaper clippings.



Which begins:

"Pilot-Officer C.J. Toon, Auckland, aged 22, flying with a Canadian torpedo bomber Beaufighter squadron, took part in a recent attack against enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast, when hits were scored on at least one medium-sized merchant-vessel and three armed trawlers."

Both sides targeted merchant ships and fishing boats. At the Tower Hill Memorial in London there are 24,000 names of merchant seamen from 4,786 lost ships, who have no grave but the sea.

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