Jack McGregor - Military Career (based on his Flying Logbook)

World War II Service (1942 - 1945)

Training

Probably HMS St. Vincent (Gosport) Pre-April 42 Pre-flight training - Stage 1 Lectures in aircraft basics No 14 EFTS Elmdon, Birmingham April/May 1942 Tiger Moth - Stage 2 (62 hrs) Went solo 30/4/42) No 31 SFTS Kingston, Ontario, Canada July 1942/Oct 1942 Harvard II - Stage 3 North

American Trainer (205 hrs)

Went solo 14/7/42

Return to UK and Admiralty Board approves his commission as RNVR Officer (this is assumed on the basis of similar history as 'Nobby Clarke').

Specialised Training

Dec 42/Jan 1943 • No 9 Advanced FU Errol, Scotland Miles Master (Adv trainer)

Hurricane (Hawker)

Postings

RNAFS Yeovilton, Somerset, 761 Sqn Jan – April 1943 Fulmar (Fairey) A/C HMS Activity (inc. deck landings) Defiant (Boulton Paul) April 1943 **RAF Warmwell** April 1943 RNAS St. Merryn (Vulture), 792/774 Sqn May 1943/Feb 44 SKUA (Blackurn) Swordfish (Fairey) Albacore (Fairey) Martinet (Miles) Oxford (Airspeed) Kingfisher (Fairey) **RNAS Hinstock** Sept 43

777 Squadron (Freetown, S.Leone) Mar 1944/Dec 44 Defiant (Boulton Paul)

+ Others similar to above *Ditched in Sea (May 44)

Picked up from dingy by Walrus

*Forced landing (Nov 44) at Cape Verga (Defiant)

789 Squadron (Capetown S. Africa) Dec 1945/May 45 Anson (Avro)

+ Others similar to above

De-mobbed to NZ? Mid 1945

Short service Commission (June 1951 – March 1955)

799 Squadron NAS Yeovilton June 1951/Sept 51 Harvard IIB

> Firefly IV Seafire XVII, Barracuda,

Prince

+ Others similar to above

Similar range of aircraft 796 Squadron St. Merryn July 1951/Mar 55