



## ALMOST SEVENTY YEARS AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE, ON 12<sup>TH</sup> February 2012, A.R.I.D.O. REACHES THE BRITISH AIRPLANE MISSING IN THE EGYPTIAN DESERT

Egyptian western desert – May 2012

It is just finished a second research mission (No. 107) in the Egyptian western desert by A.R.I.D.O. researchers.

After six days and five nights spent in the desert, once again they reached the wreck of a British airplane (Curtiss Kittyhawk). Due to suspected navigational error /breakdown it has made a forced landing about 70 years ago (June 28, 1942) on the rocky hills of the southern mountainous limit of the desert of the Great Sand Sea (GSS).

The collected data, photos, serial numbers, several details, have been transferred through email to Italy by Andrea and Daniele.

They led the first mission started many km away from the place of the discovery through the Great Sand Sea (GSS), looking to retrace the probably desert route held by the missing airplane in June 1942, as reported by our official documents.

We have also personal data of the missing pilot, and the British authorities are sending us more useful information.

After having examined and made accessible to our readers the bulk of historical information we are getting hour by hour, a detailed report will be published in the next days with all photos taken by Andrea Mariotti and all historical data and information collected by Daniele Moretto.

Local authorities have forced us to keep silent, until now, and it has been useful to collect information and all necessary contacts for the next steps.

Unfortunately, the news has leaked out and the wreck during these weeks has been vandalized and we are making every effort avoiding this.

Contacts are in progress in order to plan the recovery.

The pilot was the Sergeant Dennis Charles Copping, who didn't survive as well as his body was never found.

His name is in the British Memorial at El Alamein.

His story and of his squadron is in the book KITTYHAWK PILOT of Michel Lavigne and James Edwards.



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