

## **CAPTAIN GEOFFREY BENNET (1908-10)**

He was born on 8 December 1894 and during WW1 he served in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps in France and Egypt.

He was one of the foremost gentleman horse riders of his time and was a leading amateur steeplechase rider.

He won the Grand National on Sergeant Murphy in 1923. This was the first American bred horse to win the National and was a 100-6 in the betting. Aged 13, Sergeant Murphy is the oldest winner of the world's greatest steeplechase since the 19th century.

Sadly he died less than a year later on 13 January 1924, aged just 29, of injuries received while racing.

Below is a framed painting/print of Sergeant Murphy at the canal turn on his way to victory in the 1923 Grand National. Its titled "The Grand National - The Canal Turn" then in writing underneath it says "a memory, the old Sergeant and Geoffrey Bennet".



The following illustration by Snaffles from the Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, is entitled the "The Old Warrior"

