

MAJOR JAMES SEAFIELD GRANT MC (1901-04)

He was born on 6 April 1891.

Prior to WW1 he served on HMS Worcester, but at the start of war joined the King's Own Scottish Borderers. He was wounded and subsequently placed on the Special List, which I believe means he was involved in special operations. He was awarded the Military Cross on 1 January 1916 "For distinguished service in the field."

By the end of WW1 he had risen to the rank of Major in the Machine Gun Corps and was mentioned a couple of times in dispatches.

At the end of the war he joined the Royal Irish Constabulary and was involved in the Irish Rebellion. The following account of his death is recorded on the internet

http://webpages.dcu.ie/~foxs/irhist/february_1921.htm

On 25 February 1921, the Flying Column of the 1st (Mid) Cork Brigade [IRA] under the command of Sean O'Hegarty planned to ambush the Auxiliaries at Coolavokig, near Ballyvourney.

As they occupied the ambush position over a few days their position became known and a force of 70 Auxiliaries and 7 Royal Irish Constabulary constables moved against them.

In the ensuing battle, the Auxiliaries' Commandant (James Seafield Grant) was killed and a number of other policemen wounded. Two of these (Constable Arthur Kane and Cadet Cleve Soady) later died of their wounds.

His death (at the age of just 29) is also recorded on the Royal Irish Constabulary Roll of Honour at http://www.policememorial.org.uk/Forces/IRELAND/RIC_Roll.htm

James is buried at St Paul's Parish Church, Aldeburgh, Suffolk in grave number 12034.

