



CECIL ALEXANDER DUNN MACINDOE, Nondescripts, 1 cap, cap number 30

Cecil Alexander Dunn Macindoe was born on 27th May 1881 to Alexander Dunn Macindoe and his wife Annie (nee Balloch). In the 1891 census the family was living at 18 Belhaven Terrace in Hyndland. Father Alexander is a stockbroker, Cecil is 9 years, and his siblings were Hope aged 6 years and Robert 4 months.

Cecil attended Kelvinside Academy and Fettes College. On leaving school he joined his father's business. He was a multi-talented sportsman. As well as a hockey internationalist, he played badminton at the Western club and golf at Prestwick. At hockey he was a member of the short lived Nondescripts club in Glasgow until their demise in 1907. In September 1907 he joined Wanderers, where he played for another couple of seasons.

Macindoe was the 30th man to be capped for Scotland. He gained his solitary cap at inside left in the game against Ireland on the 4th March 1905. He was a late replacement for the original selection James Harper-Orr. In the match preview he is noted as a "clever young man" who had progressed rapidly that season after starting in his club 2nd XI. The game was played at Hampden in front of a crowd of 3,000. As was the norm in the early years of international hockey, Scotland lost to Ireland, this time by 5-0. By the following season Harper-Orr was again available and went on to collect 16 Scottish caps. Cecil Macindoe continued his career as a high scoring forward for Nondescripts, Wanderers and West District.

Cecil had been gazetted a 2nd lieutenant in the 4th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers in February 1902, then promoted to Lieutenant in August 1906. Under the Haldane reforms of the Territorial Force, the unit became the 8th battalion of the Cameronians (Scottish rifles), Macindoe was promoted Captain in December 1909.

The 8th Cameronians were mobilised at the outbreak of war. They were stationed in Falkirk until 17th May 1915 when they went to Devonport to embark for Gallipoli. They travelled on HMT Ballarat to the island of Mudros, arriving on 29th May. The battalion spent some time on Mudros before landing at W beach, Gallipoli on 14th June 1915. The battalion took part in the attack on Gully Ravine on 28th June. No 3 Company led by Captain Macindoe was one of the two leading companies that went over the top at 11.00 am. The battalion war diary notes that by 11.15 am it was obvious that the attack had failed due to the high casualties. J.M. Finlay's battalion history quotes battalion losses as 25 officers and 448 men that day either dead,

wounded or missing. Cecil Macindoe was one of the dead and is buried at Redoubt Cemetery, Helles. One of the other officers killed was Cecil's cousin Ronald Macindoe.

He is remembered:

The family grave in Glasgow Necropolis
Kelvinside Academy War Memorial
Hillhead Kelvinside Church
Prestwick Golf Club
Scottish War Memorial
Western Club

Sources:

The Long Long Trail
Scotland's People
Friends of Glasgow Necropolis
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Scottish Hockey Records
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