

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

ANTRIM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Lt. JOHN STEWART MOORE GAGE.

Second Lt Gage was born in Riverside, Antrim on 10th June 1893 to Francis Turnly, MB, Doctor of Medicine and his wife Catherine. Educated in Rossall School, Fleetwood, England he emigrated to Western Australia in February 1911 where he worked as a rancher until his return in 1914. He volunteered for active service, enlisted as a Despatch Rider and was commissioned to the 9th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in January 1915.

In October of 1915 he served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders as an Intelligence Officer. On one mission he and his scouts were reported missing. Some time later one of the scouts, discovered in hospital, reported that Lt. Gage went to the assistance of two wounded officers, was shot down and, the scout believed, died immediately. Lt Gage's cousin, John M Stewart-Moore, visited him during Easter of 1916 in the Tyrone's camp. They borrowed horses, went riding together and talked hard for they had much to tell each other. They spent the evening together in the Mess where Stewart-Moore was impressed with the fellowship, friendliness and happy atmosphere as all the Tyrone officers dined together. He later remarked how sad it was that this was the last time he saw his cousin Lt John Gage.