

BADHAM, Francis Molyneux

Service Number Z/941

Rank Lieutenant
Royal Naval Division, Collingwood Battalion

Born January 14, 1883, Mullingar, Ireland
Died June 4, 1915, Turkey

Occupation Photographer, Parksville
Marital Status Single

The 1914 Henderson's Vancouver Island Gazetteer lists Francis M Badham as a photographer living in Parksville. He had previously worked as a surveyor's assistant in locations between Alaska and British Columbia and had recently arrived on Vancouver Island.

Francis had seen previous service in South Africa with the Cape Mounted Rifles and in the Boer War; and was entitled to a Queen's South Africa Medal with one clasp.

Francis had travelled to Canada on the same ship as another Parksville settler, R W Bowly and in November 1914, they returned to the UK together to enlist and serve in WWI. Details of his service can be found on the Hampshire Roll of Honour.

He was sent to the Dardanelles and on June 4, 1915, during the Battle of Krithia, was wounded in the leg during an advance to the first Turkish trench. While his comrades fought on, he calmly lit and smoked his pipe until he was killed by a shot to the head.

Francis Molyneux Badham is commemorated at the Helles Memorial in Turkey, as well as in Ireland and England.

Sources: Photo: Our Heroes, South Dublin, Ireland
British Columbia City Directories / Vancouver Public Library
Faces to Graves
GreatWarForum.org
Roll of Honour/Hampshire/WestEnd

