

Evelyn Francis Gardiner M.C.

1896 - 1916

Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders

Evelyn Francis Gardiner Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, attached Machine Gun Corps, was the elder son of Thomas MacLeod Gardiner, General Manager, Edinburgh Life Assurance Company 1911-1924, and Charlotte Elizabeth Gardiner of "Glenroy", Spylaw Bank Road, Colinton.



He was born at Howth, Ireland, in 1896. Educated at Merchiston Castle School, and a student of the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland.

He was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant, 29th November 1915, and was gazetted Lieutenant, 2nd February 1916.

Killed in action 30th July 1916 at Guillemont, aged 20, and was posthumously awarded the Military Cross.

The citation in the Edinburgh Gazette reads:-

For conspicuous and consistent gallantry in action. In three fights he has done fine work with his guns, and proved himself an excellent and determined leader. On one occasion he kept a gun in action until he was wounded in the head and lost consciousness.

He is Remembered with Honour at Thriepval Memorial, the family gravestone and War Memorial both within Colinton Graveyard, and the Institute of Actuaries.

The communion rails at St Cuthbert's are dedicated to his memory.