

TIREE MASTER MARINER PASSES

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The Late Captain ~~Alan~~ Campbell, Scarinish

The sudden death of Captain Allan Campbell, Deobedal, Scarinish, has removed from his beloved island one of Tiree's most distinguished master mariners. All his life a "deep-sea" man, Allan Campbell was a young sailor in the first World War and, in 1921, began his long service with the Baron Line (Messrs Hogarth), on his appointment as a junior officer and was soon given his own command. He sailed to all quarters of the globe.

For the whole of the 1939-45 war he was master of the Baron Elphinstone and faced danger in many theatres of war. A most successful navigator, of fine presence and inherent dignity, he held the War Medal, the 1939-45 Star, the Africa Star, the Atlantic Star, the Italy Star, the Pacific Star and the Burma Clasp.

Shortly after the war, with health impaired, he took a local appointment as piermaster and was a favourite with the public for his tact and courtesy. The call of the sea, however, was always strong and in restored health he went back to his old command. In recent years he had to undergo a serious operation but with characteristic courage he was making a steady recovery. During the recent influenza epidemic he passed away with tragic suddenness on the eve of his departure to hospital.

The passing of this gallant captain, in whom the high reputation of Tiree's mariners round the world was ever maintained, is mourned by very many friends whose deep sympathy goes to his widow, who had shared many of his voyages abroad, to his daughter, Isobel, a nurse, and to his son, Colin, a young Merchant Navy officer in African waters.

Three of the deceased's brothers are captains and of these Neil and Sandy, with his brothers Donald and Hugh, were the chief mourners at the funeral to Soroby. A significant tribute from an old shipmate was the presence of Mr David Ness, Oban, who was Chief Engineer with Captain Campbell during the war years.

Fittingly, for one who had a sincere love and a deep knowledge of Gaelic, the service at the house was conducted in the old tongue by Mr H. Meek and at the graveyard Mr Ingram, Church of Scotland, officiated. There was a large concourse of mourners and many floral tributes.