

Archibald Moir Park Lyle

Major Archibald Moir Park Lyle Scottish Horse

Archibald Park Moir Lyle was born on 5th February 1884 at Finnart Street, Greenock. His father's name was Alexander Park Lyle and at that time was a Ship Owner. His mother's name was Grace Elanora Moir. Archibald Lyle's parents were married at Alloa on 30th April 1880



(Photo: from UCPSC 01/01)
Pembroke Castle

The next record concerning Archibald MP Lyle was when he was 8 years old and returning with his parents from Mauritius and arriving at London, England on 16th April 1892 on Pembroke Castle which was part of the Donald Currie and Company's Colonial Mail Line. The other Port of call was Cape Town, South Africa.

Archibald was travelling with his father Mr AP Lyle aged 42 and listed as a ship owner, his mother Mrs GC Lyle aged 35 and his sister miss CM Lyle aged 10 years and a nurse called I Stevenson who was aged 28 years.

The 1901 census shows Archibald M P Lyle as a pupil at Fettes College where he was studying.



Scottish Horse
Cap Badge

Prior to World War 1 Archibald was a member of the Scottish Horse Yeomanry (Volunteers) and unfortunately we do not have any records of when he joined or when he was commissioned.

The London Gazette of 14th July 1914 reported the promotion of Lieutenant Archibald M. P. Lyle to the rank of Captain from 1st July 1914.

The Supplement to the London Gazette of 5th December 1914 reported Captain A.M.P. Lyle, Scottish Horse Yeomanry Territorial Force, vice Major to be an Assistant Provost Marshall and to be graded for pay purposes as Staff Captain.

In 1908 Archibald married Dorothy De Hoghton at Preston.

The Supplement to the London Gazette of 1st March 1916 Captain Archibald M. P. Lyle of Scottish Horse to be temporary Major from 21st October 1915.



Oak Leaf to be
added to medal.

The Supplement to the London Gazette, 13th July 1916 reported the following:

War Office, 12th July, 1916.

With reference to the despatch published on the 10th April (London Gazette, No. 29541), the following are mentioned for distinguished and gallant services rendered during the period of General Sir Charles Monro's Command of the

Mediterranean Expeditionary Force*; —

SCOTTISH HORSE.

Lyle, Capt. (temp. Maj.) A. M. P.

* The publication of this list has been inadvertently delayed owing to the miscarriage of the Australian portion, which had to be sent abroad for verification.

This is the lowest form of recognition that was announced. Mention in Despatches (M.I.D.) is the lowest form of recognition for a Soldier is not an award of a medal, but is a commendation of an act of gallantry or service. A M P Lyle's name would appear in the official report written by a Superior Officer and sent to the high command, in which is described the Soldier's gallant or meritorious action in the face of the enemy. This despatch is published in the London Gazette newspaper of the State, which has existed since 1665 and is still published today.

The phrase "Mentioned in Despatches" was used for the first time in a newspaper article by Winston Churchill on 6th October 1898. From the time of the Boer War, the Despatches were published in full or in part.

During World War One the citations published in the London Gazette did not usually give details of the place and date of the action for which awarded for security reasons.

In 1920 the Army Order authorised the issue of an oak leaf emblem decoration to be pinned or sewn diagonally on to the 'Victory' medal ribbon. If no campaign medal is awarded, the oak leaf is worn on the left breast of the dress uniform. This would signify that A M P Lyle had been 'Mentioned in Despatches'.



Captain, Temporary Major Lyle received the Military Cross and details were published in the London Gazette on 23rd April 1918. The details of the award stated that he received the MC for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led the leading company with great gallantry and coolness round the flank of the enemy's position in the face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, thereby greatly assisting in the success of the attack.

Instituted on 28th December 1914 the Military Cross (M.C.) is the third level military decoration awarded to Officers. The Military Cross (M.C.) is awarded for gallantry during active operations against the enemy.

Archibald Moir Park Lyle, as an owner of the Military Cross, is entitled to use the letters M.C. after his name.

The Supplement to the London Gazette of 18th October 1918 reported that Captain A.M.P. Lyle was to be acting Major whilst 2nd in Command from 21st August 1918.

In March 1920 Archibald Lyle left Calcutta, India on board the Peninsula and Orient Steam Navigation Company Ltd ship Khyber. He was registered as a 36 year old ship owner, travelling with his 36 year old wife Dorothy, her maid miss Florence Tyrrell, aged 31. It

also looked as if Archibald's father Archibald Park Lyle a 70 year old ship owner was travelling with them. The party disembarked at Plymouth on the 6th April 1920.

The Supplement to the London Gazette of 16th July 1920 reported Captain A.M.P. Lyle was promoted to Major from 16th February 1920.

On 4th February 1938 Baronet Archibald Moir Park Lyle left Brisbane on the steam ship Narkunda, Archibald had contracted to land at Marseilles, France. His home address was Albany Street, Picadily, London. He appears to have been travelling on his own.

Sir Archibald Moir Park Lyle MC, Baronet of Glendelvine, Murthly, Perthshire died 4th December 1946 at London, confirmation by dame Dorothy Lyle, widow Archibald Michael Lyle and John Herbert Richardson writer of the Signet. Sealed London 30th January 1947.