Conway History



Caragh Lake, where Hamo was born, (courtesy Caragh House Hotel web-site)

Cpl Hunt was wounded on the 23/3/1918 while serving with the 2nd Leinsters of the 16th Irish division. The 16th had just received a severe mauling during the German 'kaiserschlacht' and were virtually wiped out. Cpl Hunt was transferred to a hospital where he later succumbed to his wounds

See:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring_Offensive

A contemporary obituary for Hamo in *The Times* describes him as 'the only child of Lady Ernestine Hunt, born at Caragh Lake, Co Kerry'. There was no mention of the

MM because it was not gazetted until August, thus:

LG 30873 (page 10124) dated 29.08.1918 is one of 39 pages of names in two columns of those awarded the Military Medal, simply citing *For Bravery in the Field*. Hamo Hunt was among their number (not even noted as posthumous), and 93 years later, the Conway records stand corrected. We can be confident that his grave is well tended, see CWGC certificate: http://www.cwgc.org/search/certificate.aspx?casualty=508813

Welcome Feed Back

The tale about the late Capt AA Martin DSO, DSC, RD, RNR (18-20) was told in an earlier *Cadet*. Two readers kindly sent in some additional information:

James Wright (40-42) provided a cutting from Royal Mail Line's WWII's history published in *Eight Bells*, describing how a Capt Sang spent several months on various missions in Greek waters and was very impressed by the hazardous work of the little minesweepers



'under the command of Lt Cdr AA Martin, a former Royal Mail officer'. He adds that they were able to show appreciation by providing 'a tin of marmalade as requested - and a little more'.

Jim McCaughan (38-39) wrote from his home in Strangford, Co Down, enclosing a group photo (*above*) taken in Penang in 1954 of the staff of the Malaya Marine Department. Seated centre in the front is Capt AA Martin, the Director, with Jim, Port Officer, Penang, next but one to his right. He wrote: 'Yes, Angus was a strict disciplinarian and demanded respect from all and sundry.'