**Deaths of Flt Lt William Henry Richardson RNR (1907-08 & Temp., Mid., James R Barry RNAS (12-16)**

Flt Lt William H Richardson RNR (1907-08) was a pilot in F Squadron, No 2 Wing, RNAS, based in the Aegean at Mudros (Island of  Lemnos). Temp., Mid., James R Barry RNR (191216)  was his observer.

Both men were killed after their aircraft, a Sopwith 1½ Strutter (N5108)  was shot down by Turkish anti-aircraft fire whilst taking part in a special bombing mission. The raid involved five bombers escorted by three fighter aircraft and was launched from an airfield in Themi, Thessalonica on the railway workshops at Halka Bounan, east of Smyrna (modern day Izmir), approximately 60 miles away.

Richardson's and Barry’s aircraft was seen to crash over a spot behind Mount Pagus called Palaia Kamara and the bodies of the two dead airmen were taken to Karantina Hospital and buried at the point cemetery on August 2nd 1917 after a big ceremony attended by German and Turkish officers.

After the war, their bodies were removed and re-interned in Bagdad (North Gate) CWGC Cemetery. However the CWGC website has no record of their burials.