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WHITLOCK, G. F. A.,
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News reached Barnstaple yesterday of the death at Ostend on Tuesday of Col. G. F. A. Whitlock, formerly of 4, Trafalgar Lawn, Barnstaple, who was Mayor of the borough in 1929.

Col. Whitlock was a native of Barnstaple, having been born at Newport (Barnstaple), in 1863. He was the son of the late Capt. Whitlock, of the 84th Regiment, and a grandson of the late Gen. Sir George Cornish Whitlock. Educated at the Royal Naval School, New Cross, and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, Col. Whitlock joined the Royal Engineers in 1887. He was assistant British Commissioner on the Nigeria-Cameroon Boundary Commission from Yola to Lake Chad in 1903-4, and British Commissioner for the same district in 1907-9, during which time he commanded an Anglo-German detachment in resisting an attack by natives, and was awarded the West African medal and clasp.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

Col. Whitlock served throughout the Great War, and was awarded the military C.B.E., and mentioned in dispatches. From 1919-22 he was British Commissioner on the Inter-Allied boundary between Belgium and Germany. He retired in 1922, and went to reside at Trafalgar Lawn, Barnstaple.

During his retirement Col. Whitlock became closely associated with the welfare of ex-Service men, and was formerly chairman of Barnstaple British Legion. He was also a member of the Exeter-Barnstaple and North Devon Pensions Committee. A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Col. Whitlock was connected with the Ordnance Surveys from 1897 to the date of his retirement, and in 1916 was awarded the Murchison Grant of the Society.

Col. Whitlock also took a great interest in the work of the St. John Ambulance Association in Barnstaple, and inaugurated the fund from which a new motor ambulance was provided for the association. In 1932 he was made an officer of the Order of St. John in recognition of his signal services to the association. He leaves a widow and two children.

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Col. George Frederick Ashford Whitlock, C.B.E., R.E., F.R.G.S., of Trafalgar Lawn, Barnstaple, who did important work as a Boundary Commissioner in Africa, was chief instructor in surveying at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, 1909-11. Mayor of Barnstaple in 1929, and who died at Ostend on September 1, aged 73 years, left estate of the gross value of £2,961 15s. 9d., with net personalty £587 2s. 6d. Probate has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Marie Joseph Whitlock, of the same address, and John Lewis Hole, Yellacott, solicitor, of Barnstaple.

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COLONEL WHITLOCK

Colonel George Frederic Ashford Whitlock, late R.E., died at Ostend on September 1 at the age of 68.

The son of Captain G. F. T. Whitlock, of The York and Lancaster Regiment, he was educated at the old Royal Naval School at New Cross, and joined the Royal Engineers from Woolwich in 1887. From 1897 to 1903 he was on the staff of the Ordnance Survey. He then served as Assistant Commissioner on the Anglo-German Boundary Commission (Yola-Lake Chad) in 1903-4, and was British Commissioner on the Anglo-German Boundary Commission (Yola-Cross River, South Nigeria) in 1907-9. From 1909 to 1913 he was chief instructor in surveying at the School of Military Engineering at Chatham.

In the War he was employed in the preparation of maps for the Armies at the front and on similar work for the Admiralty and the Air Force. In 1916 he received the Murchison award of the Royal Geographical Society. After the War, from 1919 to 1922, when he retired, he was British Commissioner on the Inter-Allied Boundary Commission (Germany-Belgium). He was made a C.B.E. in 1919. He settled at Barnstaple, and was Mayor of the borough in 1928-29. He was married three times and had three daughters.

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