



Ian Buchanan Haldane, Paisley, 1 cap, cap number 103

Ian Buchanan Haldane was born on 13th February 1899 to William Haldane and his wife Ada (nee Cockburn). William was a doctor in Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire.

In 1901 the 2 year old Ian was living at Viewforth, Bridge of Allan with his parents and his siblings Ada, George and Maurice. Initially he was schooled at Stanley House School in Bridge of Allan. But in the 1911 census he was at Sefton Bank School in St Andrews.

I B Haldane's solitary cap came as a late replacement when left back G G Inglis called off before the 1921 international against England. Although England ran out comfortable 8-0 winners, Haldane was noted as "lending every assistance" to A B Burt who at this time was playing at right back.

Ian was commissioned into the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on 18th February 1917. He was promoted to Lieutenant on 18th June 1919. In 1921 he was posted to the 7th Battalion A&SH and was serving as a Lieutenant, based in Cowdenbeath, Fife. He remained active in the territorial army, serving with the 9th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from 30th June 1928, rising to the rank of Captain on 5th December 1928 and commanding B Company in 1931. In 1935 he served as the Royal Guard Officer for the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina. He was promoted to Major on 11th March 1936 and received the Coronation Medal in 1937.

On the 25th October 1939, Ian was gazetted from Major in the TA to be a Major in the Border Regiment (effective 15th October). Ian had been promoted to Lt Colonel and was the commanding officer of the 7th Battalion Border Regiment when he took ill in 1941. He was treated at the military hospital Gleneagles. Sadly he died from Pleurisy on 5th April 1941 and is buried in Logie Cemetery, Stirling.

Sources:

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