

Kenneth McRae Norris Maclaren: Cardiff Blitz victim



This grave is not always visible, often being hidden by the hedge next to the car park. The kerb reads:

KENNETH MCRAE NORRIS MACLAREN

KILLED BY ENEMY ACTION 26TH FEBRUARY 1941, AGED 23

Son of J. W. and E. D. MacLaren, of 64 Ocean Road, Walney Island, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire. Died at 8 Senghenydd Road, Cardiff (CWGC) CWGC gives his age as 26. There is a photograph on the Find a Grave website of a list of Barrow Grammar School Rover Scouts who served in the war with

Kenneth Maclaren's name on it. https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/181166930/kenneth-macrae_norris-maclaren It appears to be from Aldingham Church. This same site has a link to the University of London Student Records, Roll of the Fallen, where Kenneth Maclaren is also named. He does not appear on the war memorial rolls of honour from Barrow Grammar School now in the Town Hall at Barrow.

<https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/resources/OTCROLLOFTHEFALLENoptimised-OCR.pdf>

Kenneth Maclaren was an M.P.S., i.e. a Member of the Pharmaceutical Society (it became the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in 1988).

In the **England & Wales Register 1939**, living at 64 Ocean Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria

MacLaren, John W (DoB 5 October 1883) married, Ship Draughtsman; (*died Q3 1949*) (*middle name Wills*)

MacLaren, Isabella D (DoB 31 Jan 1887) married, Unpaid Domestic Duties; (*née Barr*) (*d 25 October 1961*)

MacLaren, Ella D (DoB 16 April 1922) single, Employment Insurance Clerk; Maclaren crossed out and Breakwell written in; (*middle name Dingwall*) (*married Thomas Henry Breakwell*)

MacLaren, Kenneth Mc N (DoB 10 March 1917) single, Pharmaceutical Chemist Student.

Italics from Cumbria BMD & Ancestry.

A third child, Ian Peter Maclaren, (DoB 8 May 1914) had left home by this date. He became a 2nd. Lieut. (201765) in the Royal Regiment of Artillery on 23 August 1941, and died in the Hastings registration district in Q1 1997.

See also <http://www.acjj.co.uk/WalneyMIsSleep1.htm#S589F> section F grave 00648.

The father, John Wills Maclaren, has an entry in the **Foreign and Overseas Registers of British Subjects** reading:

John Wills, son of Peter MacLaren (sic) and Annie his wife. Born St. Petersburg 5 October N. S. 1883, baptized in his father's house Jany. 3rd 1884 N.S. service by Pastors Nicolson, Easton and Killner. *The N. S. refers to "New Style", i.e. the Julian Calendar. Russia was still using the Gregorian Calendar in 1883).*