

Name of memorial: Pollard-Urquhart Memorial

Inventory No. 598

Place: Castlepollard Church

Address and map reference: The Square, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath.
Map reference: N 464 701.

Position: North wall of north aisle.

Description and dimensions: Engraved brass plate on wood. Height: appx. 35cms, width: appx. 50cms.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 7 September, 2009.

Text:

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND
IN MEMORY OF
Lieut. W. J. Pollard-Urquhart
AGED 24
1ST BATTN. THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.
SON OF M. A. POLLARD-URQUHART
KILLED IN ACTION NEAR SHAB-KADR, INDIA
ON 18TH APRIL 1915,
WHILST TRYING TO SAVE WOUNDED OFFICERS
OF AN INDIAN REGIMENT.
"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS
THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS"
HE SAW THE ISSUE FACE TO FACE AND
GAVE HIMSELF GLADLY.**

From the Great War Forum (<http://1914-1918.invisionzone.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=15947&hl=Shabkadar>)

Shabkadar is a fort in the Peshawar district, due North of Peshawar across the Kabul river. There had been fighting around the fort in 1897 and 1908 against rebellious local tribesmen.

In April 1915 approx 2400 Mohmand tribesmen attacked the 1st (Peshawar) Division in the area and were defeated. Unrest continued throughout the year and during the period 17th August-28th October there was considerable fighting and skirmishing against the Mohmands and other tribes in the area. On 5 September 1915 an action took place at Hafiz Kor, near Shabkadar, in which about 10,000 tribesmen were defeated after a gallant resistance by infantry and cavalry, Cpl. Charles Hull of the 21st Lancers winning the VC for his gallantry in rescuing an officer under fire.