



*Distinguished  
Conduct*



*Military  
Medal*

*1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment  
(West Riding)*

*Entry from Battalion War Diary 25.2.1918*

The front line was heavily bombarded between J.17.a 80.95 and J11.c 85.25. A Machine Gun emplacement was blown in and the Battalion had two Ors killed, and one wounded. Cpl KANE (D Company) showed great gallantry in digging out the Machine Gun team, which had been buried under very heavy shellfire.

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for award of Distinguished Conduct Medal*

203285 L/Cpl H. Kane, MM, W.Rid. R. (Lochore).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When several men were buried by enemy shellfire he dug them out under heavy fire in full view of the enemy, who were only eighty yards away. He showed splendid courage and resource.

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He married Mary (Gorman) Kane in Lochgelly on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1912. They had three children, a son Hugh and a daughter Catherine Ellen who were born in Edinburgh. Their other son Charles was born in August 1918, after his father's death. The family latterly stayed at 3 Flockhouse, Lochore.

Hugh who was a miner in the Mary Pit, enlisted in the Royal Irish Fusiliers at Cowdenbeath on 4.11.19. However due to WW1 casualties it was not unusual for soldiers to be transferred to other regiments to make up battalion numbers for combat duties when their original regiment suffered many fatalities.