

Brigadier Francis Walter (Tommy) Rice



Born 19th March 1898. Died Dover 13th July 1968. Tonbridge School. Royal Field Artillery. 2nd Lt 25.1.18; Lt 25.7.19; Capt 25.1.31; Major 1.8.38; Lt-Col 1.8.45; Col. 10.5.48; Brigadier 1.7.52. Retired 18.12.52.

B/82nd Brigade France 1918 onwards; 5th Sept 1918 gassed and invalided home.

Between wars had a number of foreign postings, including Gibraltar and India.

In 1939-45 was mainly commanding Home Coast artillery, notably 101 Coast Brigade.

After war wrote Government report on Coast Artillery in the colonies which is in the National Archives

Later Coast Artillery at Dover Castle.ⁱ

ⁱ Brother of :

O Lt-Col Frederick Joseph Rice Born 25th October 1893; Boston; Died 14th September 1976; Camberley. Educated at Boston School and Tonbridge School. Royal (Field) Artillery 1914 - 1947. Military Cross (15.2.1919) and Bar (1.1.1919); Croix de Guerre (Belgium). Initially in 84th Brigade RFA, XII Corps, 18th Division, until Dec 3rd 1916 promoted to captain and posted to command C battery 82nd Brigade RFA, 18th Division. Immediately after Great War served in Ireland in "Royal Artillery Mounted Rifles". Staff College, Camberley 1927-8 and India 1929-1935. 1939-42 commanding 126 Brigade Royal Artillery (51st Highland Division).

June 1942 – Jan 1944 Gambia/Sierre Leone. Jan 1944 onwards various staff posts in UK. 1949-55 in retirement was civilian Mess Secretary at Staff College, Camberley.

- Brigadier Neil Dewar Rice. Born 14th Sep 1894 Boston. Died: Aldershot 6th August 1969. School: Tonbridge. Royal East Kent Regiment (Buffs) 1914-1950. Served in 1st and 8th Battalions in Great War. 1940 Commanding Officer Gambia Area, West Africa. 1942 Commanding Officer Gold Coast Area. 1942 Commanding Officer 5th West African Brigade, West Africa. Served Malaya late 1940s. 1949 mentioned in dispatches
 - o Lt-Col Richard (Dick) Rice Royal Artillery 1920-1943. Born 29th April 1901. Killed in Action Tunis 9th May 1943. Tonbridge School. 1939-1940 48th (South Midland) Division - Brigade Major in Divisional Artillery HQ. 14.6.1942- 9.5.1943 commanded 30 Field Regt Royal Artillery (4th Division). Mentions in Dispatches 20.12.40 & 27.1.44.
 - o Lt (T Captain) Edward Dewar Rice 1910-1985. Royal Artillery 1939-1945. 51st Highland Division in 126 Field Regiment Royal Artillery.

- Nephew of Lt-Col Hugh Rosceter Rice. 1st April 1867 - 9th July 1942. Educated Boston Grammar School and Repton. 1888 -1920 Essex Regiment. Commanded 1st Battalion Essex Regiment for much of Gallipoli campaign 1915. 1916 Commander 1st Garrison (later 13th) Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. 1917 Mentioned in Dispatches