Captain H.B.W. Maling's Silver Card Case

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Height: 4.44 cm (1.7")

Width: 8.25 cm (3.2")

Depth: 0.63 cm (0.2")

Description

A silver Calling Card Case that belonged to Captain H. B. W. Maling.

The case is bowed to fit snuggly in a breast pocket and is hallmarked for Birmingham 1907. Inside the case is a calling card stating 'Captain H. B. W. Maling, late The Connaught Rangers'.

Herbert Benjamin Whitelock Maling was born in December 1882 and baptised the next year in Grenada, whilst his father Irwin Charles Maling was the Colonial Secretary there. He was their youngest son out of 12 siblings. Maling fought in the Boer War with the East Surrey militia in 1902 before he joined the Royal Garrison Regiment as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1904. In 1906 he moved to the South Staffordshires and then, in 1907 he became a full Lieutenant and joined The Connaught Rangers, where he remained for the rest of his army career. He became a Captain in 1914. In 1915 he was admitted to a military hospital and after was perhaps unfit for front line service as he became a Railway Transport Officer.

It is plain in design, with no decoration, but has an elegance for its simplicity. Dated 1907.

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