Name of memorial: Macnamara Memorial

Place: St. Columba's Church

Address and map reference: St. Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis, Co. Clare Map reference: R 336 776 (Sheet 58) Co-ordinates: N 52.8455°; W 8.9859°

Access: during services. Parking: adjacent street, or churchyard. Disabled access: yes.

Position: on inside wall.

Description and dimensions: Brass plaque. Height: appx. 80 cms Width: appx 100cms.

Recorded by: 'mixed messages', 9th March, 2014.

Text:

(Badge of the Wiltshire Regiment)

THIS TABLET WAS ERECTED IN THE YEAR 1918 BY HENRY V. AND EDITH MACNAMARA, OF ENNISTYMON HOUSE,

IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF THEIR YOUNGEST SON,

MAJOR GEORGE MACNAMARA,

2ND WILTSHIRE REGIMENT.

HE WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED ON 23RD OCTOBER 1914 AT THE FIRST BATTLE OF YPRES; WAS IN MANY ENGAGEMENTS DURING THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN OF 1916 ON THE SOMME; AND WAS KILLED IN ACTION NEAR LOOS, WHILE ATTACHED AS SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE 6TH NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT, ON 25TH MAY, 1917 AGED 27 YEARS, AND THEY BURIED HIM AT NOEUX-LES MINES, PAS DE CALAIS. THE BEST OF SONS. A LOYAL IRISHMAN, A BRAVE SOLDIER. "ONE CROWDED HOUR OF GLORIOUS LIFE IS WORTH AN AGE WITHOUT A NAME" "ONE ONLY HOPE OUR HEARTS CAN CHEER, THE HOPE TO MEET AGAIN."

Mention in book: **De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (volume 3)**

"A biographical record of members of his Majesty's naval and military forces who fell in the Great War 1914 – 1918. Its 1,400+ pages contain the biographies of well over 25,000 men of the army, navy and air force who gave their lives, nearly 7,000 of the entries being accompanied by a photograph." Reprint available from www.naval-military-press.com.