

**Yesterday a. tribute was paid to pilot Donald Moffat-Wilson who fought in the 1939-1945 war.**

On the 12th of June 1944, a Spitfire from the RAF crashed at « Trout Hill » in Maroué. The pilot, Donald Moffat-Wilson, was only 21 years old,.



At 11am, yesterday, in MAROUE village, in front of the commemorative stone monument for local people who died in the Second World War, one hundred people met to give a very emotional tribute to Donald MOFFAT-WILSON, this officer was a pilot in the ROYAL AIR FORCE, who died during his mission, 65 years earlier, not far away from the MAROUE village.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Donald MOFFAT-WILSON lived there with his three sisters, his mum, his dad and his brother, Patrick, until the beginning of the Second World War.

But in 1944, on the 6th of June, his father died, Donald met his death six days later in the Brittany skies, his brother Patrick was killed later that year in December.

Last Saturday, in Maroué, present in the crowd were, Richard Nairn and Michael Nairn nephews from England, Donald's cousin Rachel Pike from Ireland, Elizabeth and Margaret's daughters Jeanie Truell and Zoe Truell and Max, a young great nephew arrived from New Zealand for the ceremony.

A character in Maroué history A piece of stone engraved with Donald MOFFAT WILSON's name, is now on the official tribute monument for people from MAROUE who died in the second world war close to people names from Lamballe, Maroué, who also died during the Second World War.

As told to us by Marie-Christine CLERET and the mayor of Maroué: «the officer Donald Moffat-Wilson will today be in our memories and every time we organise a ceremony to commemorate the 11<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> May.»

Loïc CAURET, mayor of Lamballe, added «he was an Irish pilot in The Royal Air Force but today, he is a member of our community.»

At the end of the ceremony, his cousin was very emotional and wanted to speak into the microphone to thank all the people who created and organized this tribute. The mayor of Lamballe gave to her the LAMBALLE 's medal that she will give to DONALD 'S sister who is still alive in a nursing home in IRELAND.

Before that, Henri BERESCHEL who was a witness to the ROYAL AIR FORCE attack against the German convoy in « Trout Hill » and DONALD's Spitfire crash has given her a little piece of material, a creamy color: it is a part of Donald's parachute preciously kept all these years.....

