





and served through the campaigns in North Africa and Italy. When the war was over he returned to Capetown. He came home for a holiday in September 1964. While at home he went on a hunting expedition to Maam by boat with his brother Frank. During the day he suffered a heart attack. He died the next day in Calvary Hospital, Galway. He is buried in the grounds of Glann Church.

Margaret went to the United States in 1920. She joined the French Marist Missionary sisters. She went on a cargo ship from Boston to France in July 1923 to complete her training. Profession was made on March 19th 1925 when she became Sr. Zita Butler. At the end of May 1925 she went on a cargo ship bound for Australia. She spent three weeks in Australia and eventually sailed to Fiji on a sugarcane ship. Her first assignment was to the Leprosy Hospital at Makogia. There were 300 patients there when she arrived but this rose to over 700 and the total staff was 16 Marist sisters. The patients comprised of 13 different racial groups having being rounded up around the South Seas.

There she developed a skin problem and it was deemed unsafe for her to work with sick people. She left regretfully and after six months off she was assigned to the mission of Naililili on the Rewa River where she survived poor conditions including a flood where she had to spend the night on a rooftop.

In July 1940 she went as sister in charge and took over a leprosy hospital in Jamaica, West Indies which is half way round the world from the Fiji Islands. Over a ten year period here she encountered many very difficult situations including threats to her life.

Early in 1950 she returned to America having experienced poor health due to the pressure involved and was advised not to go on overseas mission again.

However in 1964 she went to Hawaii and spent a five year term there. She also returned to Jamaica before returning to Boston U. S.

Sr Zita lived to 107 years.

Sarah also became a nun (Sr. Agnes) with the Irish sisters of charity in Foxford, Co Mayo, Cork. Kilkenny and Dublin and lived into her late 90s.

Walter Butler built a two story house in Curraune and moved across around 1911. Some time afterwards his parents also moved to Curraune as did some other members of the family. Sometime later Walter built the second two story house beside the first one and moved into it. Walter married Margaret King

from Cur, Maam and had four in family. Christy was the only boy and he had three sisters Phylis, Mary and Christina. Phylis joined the civil service having trained in Templemore and Claremorris. She married Sean Coakley and settled in Claremorris and has a family of five boys and two girls.



*Phylis on the shore at Mathias'*

Christina and Mary both joined the nuns in England although Christina left the order in the 70's and later got married to Peter Phillips. They live in Knock, Co Mayo. Mary is retired in England.

Christy went to work quarrying in Wicklow in the late 40's and he met and married Margaret Conroy from Bohernabreena in south Dublin in 1952.



*Christy and Gretta Butler*

