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1917

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Sec. Lt.	H. M. W. Wells
Lieut.	G. K. Welsford
Sec. Lt.	C. M. Williams
Sec. Lt.	D. Wilson
Sec. Lt.	F. Wollocombe
Lieut.	W. B. Wolseley

*The biographies being arranged in alphabetical order,
it has been thought unnecessary to number the pages.*

LIEUTENANT M. R. H. A. ALLEN

Royal Flying Corps

The Head Master's 05³-10¹

Aged 25

March 21st, 1917

ONLY son of Richard William Allen, J.P., M.I.C.E., Managing Director of Messrs. W. H. Allen, Son & Co., Bedford, and of his wife, Geraldine Agnew Allen.

School Racket Player, 1910.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Married, in 1915, Dorothy Drina, elder daughter of Major Lightfoot, of Anchoret, Bedford.

Lieutenant Allen, on the outbreak of the War, joined the Scottish Horse as a despatch rider. In November, 1914, he was transferred for a course of instruction in aviation as a pilot, and took his 'ticket' the following month. In January, 1915, he joined the Royal Flying Corps, obtained his Wings in April, and went to the Front with No. 12 Squadron, in September, 1915, returning home two months later for special duty in the construction of aviation engines. For seven months he had the sole charge of testing a well-known engine, the success of which was largely due to the thought and care which he devoted to it, the experience which he had gained in flying being of great use to him. He never failed to impart to those under him information about the engine, and, possessing a strong personality himself, he was enabled to get the best out of others. He returned to the Royal Flying Corps in September, 1916, and was appointed Flying Officer to the Testing Squadron at Upavon. In December, 1916, he was promoted Lieutenant, and in January of the following year moved with his Squadron to Martlesham. He was accidentally killed at Martlesham, on March 21st, 1917.



MELVILLE RICHARD HOWELL AGNEW ALLEN

2ND LIEUTENANT J. S. ANDERSON

King's Royal Rifle Corps

Church Hill 11³-15²

Aged 19

October 10th, 1916

ELDEST son of Sir Kenneth Skelton Anderson (O.H.), K.C.M.G., Shipowner, and of Louisa Mary, daughter of James Cochran Stevenson, for many years M.P. for South Shields. A younger brother, Cadet Kenneth Angus Anderson, R.N., was killed in the explosion of H.M.S. *Bulwark*, on November 26th, 1914.

2nd Lieutenant Anderson obtained a Commission in the 15th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps on August 26th, 1915, within a month of leaving School, and was transferred to the 21st Battalion at Aldershot. He went to France with his Regiment in May, 1916, and, after some months of trench warfare near Ploegsteert, was sent to the Somme. He was severely wounded on October 7th, 1916, whilst leading his men in an attack near Guedecourt and died three days later at a Casualty Clearing Station at Heilly, near Albert.

His Commanding Officer wrote :—

“He was a most capable and efficient Officer, and no Company Commander in the Expeditionary Force had a more loyal or hardworking Subaltern. He was very brave and did his work well over the parapet, looking after his men with a discretion beyond his years.”

His Company Sergeant-Major wrote :—

“During our night searches I was deeply impressed by his calm, clear reasoning, as well as by his cool courage. . . . In the attack he led his Platoon with great gallantry until cut down.”



JAMES SKELTON ANDERSON

CAPTAIN H. S. O. ASHINGTON

East Yorkshire Regiment

The Knoll 05²-10¹

Aged 26

January 31st, 1917

ONLY son of Sherard A. Ashington, of West Hill House, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and of Mrs. Sherard Ashington.

Monitor ; Head of his House. Won the Cross Country Race, the Quarter-mile, Half-mile and Mile in the Sports of 1910.

King's College, Cambridge, 1910, B.A. 1914.

In the University Sports of 1912, he won the Hurdles and the Long Jump for Cambridge ; in 1913, the Hurdles, the Half-mile and the Long Jump, beating C. B. Fry's record by clearing 23 ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins., and making a further record by winning three events in the same year. In 1914 he won the High Jump and the Long Jump, beating his own record with a jump of 23 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Thus in the Oxford and Cambridge Sports he had won seven events in three years, another record. He represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games at Stockholm.

Shortly after the War broke out Captain Ashington was given a Commission in the 7th East Yorkshire Regiment and went to the Belgian Front early in 1915. He was wounded in the advance of July, 1916, and was sent to the London Hospital. After some months of light duty he returned to the Front in November, 1916, and was promoted Captain. He was mentioned for a gallant action in the General's Divisional Orders on December 27th, 1916. On January 28th he wrote the following letter about a suggestion that he should join the Intelligence Corps : " I don't mind this life. I rather like it, and I like my present position very much indeed. Also I hate that spirit which is so prevalent of always hunting for cushy jobs—trying to get out of it at any price—it makes me want to stay here and see the thing through where I am." Three days later on January 31st, 1917, he was hit by a sniper as he was going round his posts and died the same night without recovering consciousness.

His Colonel wrote :—

" It has been a nasty knock to every one of us, and personally I know that I have lost one of my best and bravest Officers. . . . The men in his Company just worshipped him and would have followed him anywhere, and a sadder lot of men I never saw, when they knew he had been mortally hit."



HENRY SHERARD OSBORN ASHINGTON

CAPTAIN G. E. BARCLAY

Royal Lancaster Regiment

Elmfield 02³-06¹

Aged 27

January 24th, 1917

FOURTH son of the late Robert Barclay (O.H.), of Bury Hill, Dorking. His elder brother, Major Thomas Hubert Barclay (O.H.), Surrey (Q.M.R.) Yeomanry, died on board an Italian Tug-boat after being torpedoed on H.M. Transport *Transylvania* on his way to Salonika, on May 4th, 1917.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1908.

Captain Barclay was gazetted to the King's Own in February, 1909, being stationed for some time at Jersey. In 1912 he went to West Africa and was attached to the 2nd Nigeria Regiment, and served with them all through the Cameroon Campaign, being one of the first to enter Garva. In May, 1916, he came home on leave, but returned to Nigeria in October to pick up troops on his way to German East Africa. He arrived at Dar-es-Salaam in December and was attached to the 4th Nigeria Regiment. He was killed in action on January 24th, 1917, near the Rufigi River, when reinforcing the firing line with his Company at a critical moment.

Extract from Routine Orders by Lieut.-Col. J. Sargent, commanding 4th Battalion Nigeria Regiment, dated January 27th, 1917 :—

“The C.O. wishes to express his appreciation of the services rendered by all ranks of the Battalion engaged in the operations on the 24th–25th Jan. He particularly wishes to emphasize the gallant action of the two sections of No. 13 Company, under the late Captain Barclay, who stemmed the attack on the 3rd Nigeria Regiment by their advance.”

Major C. E. Roberts, 4th Nigeria Regiment, also wrote to his mother :—

“Captain Barclay had only taken over the command of No. 13 Company that morning, and, with half the Company was the first to extend his men in the bush, facing the Germans and covering the first force, which had got disorganised. The Germans were barely 100 yards away then, and were fixing bayonets even, but the arrival of fresh troops checked them.

“Your son behaved splendidly, walking about and encouraging his men, as cool as a cucumber, and quite regardless of his own safety in the critical situation. The Germans were keeping up a very heavy fire from rifles and machine guns, and it was while more of our men were hurrying up to the front line that Captain Barclay was mortally shot through the lungs and died soon after.”

He was mentioned in Despatches, 30th, May, 1917, (for service with the East African Force).



GEORGE ERIC BARCLAY

MAJOR H. D. BENTINCK

Coldstream Guards

Elmfield 95²-99¹

Aged 35

October 2nd, 1916

THIRD son of the late Lieut.-Col. H. A. Bentinck and of Countess A. Bentinck, of 53 Green Street, Mayfair. His father, grandfather, and grand-uncle were all in the Coldstream, the latter leading the Guards at the Battle of the Alma.

Trinity College, Cambridge. Represented the University at Water Polo against Oxford every year he was in residence. Represented Cambridge University at Boxing, and in 1911 won the Army and Navy Boxing Championship.

Major Bentinck joined the Coldstream Guards in 1903 and served at Cairo and Khartoum with the 3rd Battalion from 1906-1910. In 1913 he was seconded for service in the Egyptian Army.

On the outbreak of the War he obtained leave, with great difficulty, to give up the Egyptian Army in order to join his Regiment and finally went to the Front in April, 1915, joining the 2nd Battalion, where he remained as Company Commander, or as Second-in-Command, until his death. He was mentioned in Despatches and obtained his Brevet Majority in January, 1916. He was mortally wounded on the Somme in September, 1916, when the three Coldstream Battalions advanced in a line from Ginchy. He was hit in several places, but a wound in the thigh necessitated amputation in a hospital at Rouen, where he died on the 2nd of October, 1916.

A brother-officer writes :—

“I think Druce is the greatest loss that we have had—such a splendid character all round. I don't know how to put it, but I feel his influence was so great. I felt he made me look at things in the way he did himself. Every action and every opinion he held I had the greatest admiration for, and I always felt his good influence. I am sure every one of us did. We all loved him so much and admired him greatly as the best of sportsmen and the bravest of soldiers. One can say very little on these occasions. He has given us an example to follow, and we owe him a lot in the Regiment.”

Another brother-officer writes :—

“I can't realize that Druce has left us. I forced myself to believe he was going to get over it. . . . We have been constantly together. I don't think it would have been possible for any one to have been a greater help than he was, so keen about everything, so absolutely dependable that all anxiety and worry were removed because he was there, and I knew I had only to go to him and get his advice and things would be all right.”



HENRY DUNCAN BENTINCK

LIEUTENANT R. A. BIDDULPH

2nd Dragoon Guards

West Acre 05²-10²

Aged 25

November 19th, 1916

ONLY son of the late Assheton Biddulph, M.F.H., and of Mrs. Assheton Biddulph of Moneyguyneen, Birr, King's Co.

Married, in 1916, Derreen Ussher, youngest daughter of W. S. Holt, of Ball Copse Hall, Brent Knoll, Somerset.

Exeter College, Oxford. 1st Whip and Secretary to the College Beagles, and had taken over the Mastership when War broke out. Won the College 'grind' three years in succession. Was a member of the O.T.C. and while on manœuvres in 1912, when attached to the Royal Scots Greys, received 1st class certificate for Scouting. When with the Special Reserve of The Bays he won for the Regiment the Subaltern's Cup for 'Skill at Arms.'

Lieutenant Biddulph was given a Commission in the Queen's Bays and went to the Front with his Regiment in May, 1915, where he remained for ten months. He then returned home to be married and was given extension of leave for treatment by an aurist, having suffered from deafness owing to the bursting of a shell close by him. He was sent to Aldershot, in April, 1916, where he contracted a severe attack of influenza. Having resumed duty, though still convalescent, he got very wet while on the march, and this brought on rheumatic fever, which affected his heart, and he died after six months' illness, on November 19th, 1916.

Captain Grant, of the Queen's Bays, wrote :—

“It is too sad to think that such a good sportsman and man in every way should have had such a short life. He was most popular out here and everywhere, and I have lost a great friend.”



ROBERT ASSHETON BIDDULPH

CAPTAIN C. E. BLAND

Hampshire Regiment

The Knoll 07²-12⁴

Aged 23

September 9th, 1916

ONLY son of the Rev. Charles Bland, Vicar of Milland, Sussex, and of his wife, Agnes Bland.

Entrance Scholar.

Hertford College, Oxford, Scholar, 1912.

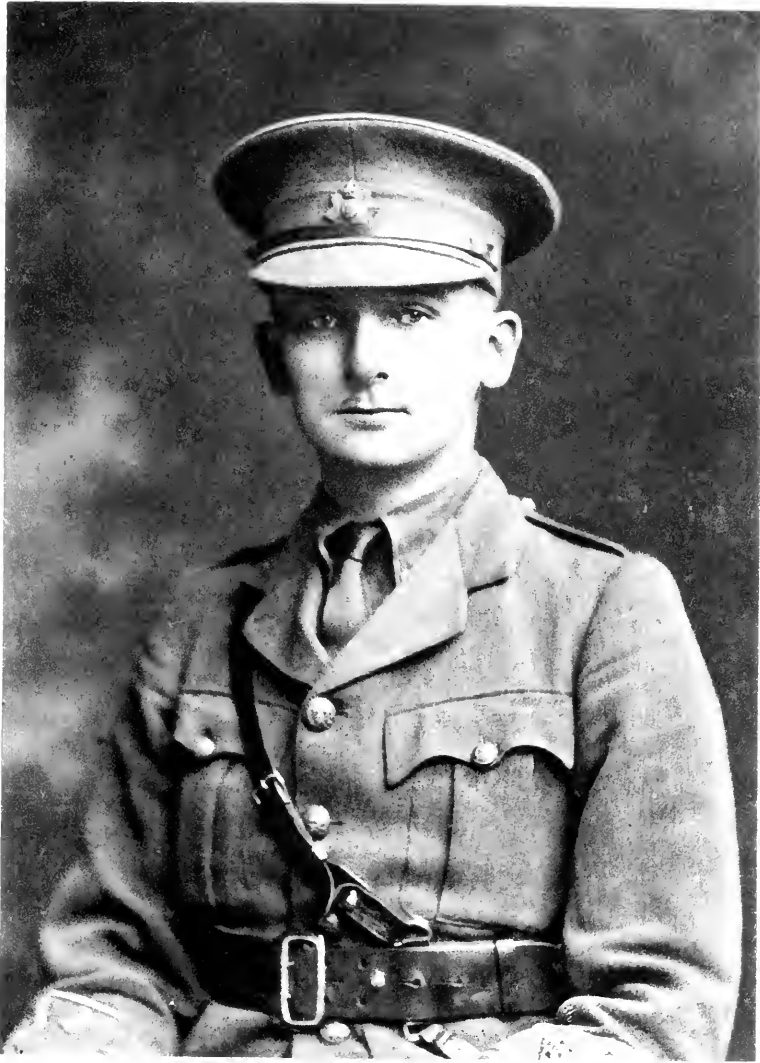
Captain Bland obtained a Commission, on the outbreak of the War, in the 11th Hants (Pioneers). He went to France with his Regiment in December, 1915, having been promoted Captain the previous July. He was shot through the head, while leading his Company into action, on September 9th, 1916, at Ginchy Telegraph.

His Colonel wrote to his father :—

“Your son was killed while gallantly leading his men into action. We mourn the loss of a gallant soldier and a good comrade. He was a personal friend of mine, beloved by all his brother-officers and by his men.”

His Major wrote :—

“Bland died very gallantly, and his death was instantaneous and painless—shot through the head. The Senior O.C. was wounded early, and Bland assumed command. He was slightly wounded, went back to be dressed, and then led his men over the parapet. He was shot almost at once, and the Company made no headway. Attempts to bring in his body failed.”



CHARLES EDWARD BLAND

2ND LIEUTENANT P. M. BOURKE

Royal Field Artillery

Moretons 10³-14³

Aged 19

July 25th, 1916

ELDER son of Edmund Francis Bourke, Company Director, of Barton Keep, Pretoria, South Africa, and of his wife, Eleanor Bourke.

Monitor ; Head of his House ; Football XI ; Cadet Officer. Matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford.

R.M.A., Woolwich. Played for the R.M.A. at Football and Rackets, and won the Peile Racket Cup ; was Under-Officer, and won the Tombs Memorial Prize, gaining 95 per cent of the marks in the first examination.

2nd Lieutenant Bourke was gazetted in July, 1915, and was attached to a Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery at Woolwich. Early in October, 1915, he went to France and was at once sent into the firing line, where, with the exception of two short spells of leave, he remained to the end. He was killed beside his gun on July 25th, 1916, in the advance on the Somme, during a heavy bombardment, by an eight-inch shell which burst close to him, killing him instantly.

The Brigadier-General, commanding 5th Division R.A., wrote :—

“I must express the deep sympathy of myself and the Officers of the R.A. who have been serving with him. He was getting on so well in his Battery and was one of the best and keenest Officers I had under me. Universally liked by his men and comrades, his death is a very great blow to me personally, and to all of us.”



PATRICK MILLER BOURKE

LIEUTENANT H. A. R. BOUSTEAD

Middlesex Regiment (attached R.F.C.)

High Street 05²-11²

Aged 24

April 5th, 1917

FOURTH and youngest son of John Melvill Boustead (O.H.), of Westfield, Wimbledon Common, and Colombo, Ceylon, and of his wife, Leila Boustead.

Monitor, 1910. Head of his House. Won Champion Senior Swimming Cup.

University College, Oxford, B.A. 1914. Won 100 yards swimming race for Oxford v. Cambridge, 1913.

On the outbreak of the War Lieutenant Boustead obtained a Commission in the 2/8 Middlesex Regiment and went to Egypt with them in August, 1915, where he saw active service in the Western Frontier Campaign against the Senussi. When the Battalion returned to Europe in 1916, he became attached to the Royal Flying Corps, and after a month's training he obtained his Wings and went to France in October, 1916. He there saw six months' service, once bringing down two German machines in one day. He was killed on April 5th, 1917, in an aerial fight with two hostile machines. His Observer was killed and, though mortally and terribly wounded himself, he fought off the enemy machines and succeeded in recrossing our lines, making a safe and successful landing. He died an hour afterwards, and was buried at Pozières.

He was mentioned in Despatches on December 13th, 1917.

His Wing Commander wrote to his father:—

“Your son was a very gallant Officer and died a magnificent death, and even if he receives no official recognition of his gallantry, the story of his last fight will remain as fine a memorial as any official reward could be.”

His Squadron Commander wrote:—

“We have lost a very gallant Officer. He has taken part in numerous hard-fought encounters with hostile machines and has always fought with great gallantry. I have forwarded his name to higher authorities for exceedingly gallant conduct.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“He was so full of humour and commonsense, so generous and reliable. I never heard anyone say a word against him. I don't think he ever made an enemy or failed to make a friend. I can't contemplate life without him.”



HARRY ATHELING RUSSELL BOUSTEAD

2ND LIEUTENANT R. C. BOYD

Devon Regiment

Elmfield 07^a-11^a

Aged 23

July 14th, 1916

YOUNGER son of Archibald H. Boyd (O.H.), Barrister-at-Law, of Bellevue, Westward Ho!, Devon, and of his wife, Gertrude H. F. Boyd.

Entrance Scholar : Monitor, 1910 : Classical Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge.

2nd Lieutenant Boyd, who was working with the Great Northern Railway Co. when the War broke out, enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion, in August, 1914, and received a Commission in the 11th Devons in the following November. In July, 1915, he sailed for the Dardanelles in R.M.S. *Royal Edward* and was torpedoed in the Ægean, being severely injured. He made a good recovery and was then sent to France with the 8th Devons, and was present at the Battle of the Somme, at Mametz, and at Bazentin. He was killed on July 14th, 1916, while leading his Company at Bazentin-le-grand Wood.

His Colonel wrote :—

“I have lost a brave and gallant Officer in Bobby. He was loved by us all, and by all the men of the Battalion.”

His Company Commander, whose place he took, wrote :—

“He was quite a stranger to fear. . . . As for the men, they would have loved him, even if he had not come from Devon. They both loved him and knew he was a good Officer—two entirely different things.”

The Quarter-Master wrote :—

“Of all the young Officers he was undoubtedly the most popular. The men worshipped him, and he was always so clever and resourceful.”

The Chaplain wrote :—

“His intellect, his daring, and his geniality all combined to make a good soldier and a splendid companion in these troubled times.”



ROBERT COLIN BOYD

LIEUTENANT V. C. D. BOYD-CARPENTER

Royal Engineers

The Head Master's 013-043

Aged 28

August 29th, 1916

FIFTH son of the late William Boyd Carpenter, formerly Bishop of Ripon, of 6 Little Cloisters, Westminster Abbey, S.W., and of his wife, Annie Maud Carpenter.

Married, in 1915, Eileen, daughter of the late Arthur Gardner-Woolton.

Studied Engineering at Leeds University, at Sir William Arrol's on the Clyde, at Middleton's works in Leeds, and at Crompton's at Chelmsford. Acting on Mr. Pierpont Morgan's advice he went to America and was employed on the Southern Railway, U.S.A., and also on the Canadian Pacific; while on the Southern Railway he had charge of construction work at Brunswick, Georgia.

Lieutenant Boyd-Carpenter, who was in America when the War broke out, returned to England and was given a Commission in the R.E., training at Chatham and at Aldershot. He went to the Front in January, 1916, and was chiefly employed in bringing up materials as our line was advanced, in erecting necessary fortifications, and preparing the road for further advance. He was killed instantaneously by shrapnel, in Delville Wood on August 29th, 1916, when in charge of a party who were returning after putting up wire entanglements; he made his men go first so as to give them the safer position, but was himself killed on reaching the open. He was buried near Longueval Church.

His Commanding Officer wrote:—

“It seems such a platitude and so useless to say what it means to us all, and what a loss it is. In a recent attack his work was admirable—it was always admirable, he was quite one of the best Officers I have had. In his quiet hardworking way he gave me complete confidence, and he was always doing something for his men, whilst we, his comrades, just know that we have lost another dear friend.”

A non-commissioned officer said of him:—

“The men were ready to do anything for him. In fact Lieutenant Boyd-Carpenter was held in such esteem that, when his services were requested by the Commanding Officer of another Regiment, his own Commanding Officer refused to part with him.”



VICTOR CHARLES DOUGLAS BOYD-CARPENTER

LIEUTENANT H. J. BOYTON

Grenadier Guards

Church Hill 06'-10'

Aged 24

December 14th, 1916

ONLY son of Sir James Boyton, M.P. for East Marylebone, and of Lady Boyton, of 2 Park Square, Regent's Park, and of Marlow, Bucks.

Jesus College, Cambridge, B.A. 1913. Rowed for the Jesus 1st Boat, Head of the River 1912, and in the Henley Regatta of 1914 rowed bow in the 2nd Eight, which was runner up in the final for the Thames Challenge Cup. Was a member of the Marlow and London Rowing Clubs.

Lieutenant Boyton took a Commission while still at Cambridge in the 1st City of London Royal Fusiliers, and was promoted Lieutenant in January, 1914. Soon after the outbreak of War he went to Malta with his Regiment and returned with them to France in March, 1915. He was wounded on May 9th, 1915, and on his recovery was posted to a Reserve Battalion of his Regiment, in which he became Captain and Adjutant. In July, 1916, he transferred to the Grenadier Guards and left for the Front the following October. He was killed in action on the night of December 14th, 1916, on the Somme.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He was a most gallant and lovable personality, and his loss is much felt by all ranks.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“We were at Harrow together, where he was in my cricket game; we were at Cambridge together, where I saw him nearly every day; and then we were brother-officers together in the same Battalion of the same Regiment—I do miss him so much.”



HENRY JAMES BOYTON

CAPTAIN A. H. BROCKLEHURST

King's Royal Rifle Corps

The Grove 02^a-04^a

Aged 27

July 29th, 1916

SECOND son of Alfred Brocklehurst, of The Spinney, Melton Mowbray, and Langdale Lodge, Sutherland, and of Mrs. Brocklehurst.

Captain Brocklehurst joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1910. He went to France in August, 1914, with the 1st Battalion, and was through the Retreat from Mons. He was wounded in the left arm on September 28th, 1914, and invalided home. He went to the Front again in December, 1914, and was again severely wounded in the left arm on May 10th, 1915. Eleven months later he rejoined the 1st Battalion as Adjutant. On July 28th, 1916, he was severely wounded in the foot and body, in the attack on Delville Wood, and died next day.

He was three times mentioned in Despatches "for gallant and distinguished conduct in the Field"—in June, 1915, and January, 1916, by Sir John French, and in January, 1917, by Sir Douglas Haig.

His Commanding Officer wrote:—

"I have lost my best friend and Adjutant, the bravest who ever lived, always cheerful, hardworking, and ready to face any danger. Had he lived I intended recommending him for a D.S.O., which he richly deserved on more than one occasion."



ARCHIBALD HENRY BROCKLEHURST

CAPTAIN E. F. BROWN

Wiltshire Regiment

The Head Master's 03'-08'

Aged 27

April 1st, 1917

THIRD son of James Wyld Brown, of Eastrop Grange, Highworth, Wilts, and of Primrose, daughter of Captain Kennedy, of Finnarts, Glenapp, Ayrshire.

Brasenose College, Oxford, 1909, Organist. B.A. 1912. After leaving Oxford he resumed his studies at the Royal College of Music, and in 1913 he became organist at Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead.

When the war broke out Captain Brown enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion, and in October, 1914, was given a Commission in the 5th Wiltshire Regiment, of which he became Adjutant in two months. In May, 1915, he went with his Battalion to Gallipoli, where he was wounded. Returning from hospital at Alexandria, he took an active part in both evacuations from the Peninsula. He was then given a month's leave, but was recalled by cable when he had reached Marseilles, in order to take part in the expedition which failed to relieve Kut.

When mortally wounded it was to his music that his thoughts returned, and his Commanding Officer wrote: "His great worry was that he would never use his right arm for music again, and he continually questioned the doctor about it. Of course he was told that it would be all right, but to no avail; he simply could not get over the shock, and died peacefully on Palm Sunday, April 1st, 1917."

Describing his death his Colonel wrote:—

"Eric was commanding and leading his Company to the attack when he was shot through the right hand, but he went on and reached the final position. Shortly after he was again hit in the right arm, above the elbow. This bled a lot, and he started back to the dressing station, but on his way was hit again, this time through the right wrist."

An article in the *Oxford Magazine* of June 5th, 1917, said:—

"Here at Brasenose he was much more than organist or musician. He read widely and had a real taste for literature. A man of fearless independence of character and judgment, he was a very living force in the College. . . . In a small society such as an Oxford College, where fashion and convention stand for so much, the presence of such a man is an asset not lightly to be prized, and Eric Brown's hatred of shams and the freshness of his outlook on men and things were a stimulus and a challenge to all the Undergraduates and Fellows of his time."



ERIC FRANCIS BROWN

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. S. BROWN

Wiltshire Regiment

Home Boarders 85^r-86^a

Aged 45

July 5th, 1916

SIXTH son of David Brown, Shipbroker and Shipowner, of Leadenhall Street, E.C., and Harrow-on-the-Hill, and of his wife, Annie Brown.

Married, in 1906, Marion Irene Gourlay Plenderleath, and leaves a son.

Lieut.-Colonel Brown entered the Wiltshire Regiment from the Militia in 1892, and became Lieutenant in 1894, Captain in 1900, and Brevet Major in 1912, in recognition of his services in the South African War. He was gazetted Major in 1909, being then D.A.A. and Q.M.G. Wessex Division, Southern Command. He was severely wounded in the South African War, during which he took part in the advance on Kimberley and the actions at Belmont, Enslin, Modder River, and Magersfontein, and saw fighting at Bethlehem, Wittebergen, and Colesberg. He was twice mentioned in Despatches.

He went to the Front in command of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment in March, 1915, and in the following July was given command of the 1st Battalion. He was instantaneously killed on July 5th, 1916, by a shell which burst just outside his dug-out near Thiepval. He had been directing an attack which was very successfully carried out by two Companies of his Regiment, and had just sent an encouraging message to the men who were holding the captured trenches.

A brother-officer wrote:—

“I know Colonel Brown would not have wished a better death than the one he died, with so many of the men who loved him, and to whom he set such a magnificent example of coolness and bravery.”



WALTER SYDNEY BROWN

LIEUTENANT J. E. J. BRUDENELL BRUCE

Northamptonshire Yeomanry

The Head Master's 92nd-95th

Aged 38

April 11th, 1917

ELDEST son of the Right Hon. Lord Robert Brudenell Bruce, and grandson of the 4th Marquis of Ailesbury: his mother was Miss Hanbury, daughter of Capel Hanbury Leigh, of Pontypool, Monmouthshire, Lord-Lieutenant of the County.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A., LL.B. 1900, M.A. 1910. Barrister-at-Law at the Inner Temple 1902. Succeeded to the Cardigan estates of the late Countess of Cardigan and Lancaster.

Lieutenant Brudenell Bruce volunteered in August, 1914, and received a Commission in the 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry. He went to the Front in February, 1915, and fought in the 2nd Battle of Ypres, and in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. He died of wounds received whilst waiting for the order to advance on Monchy le Preux, at the Battle of Arras, on April 11th, 1917.

His Squadron-Major wrote:—

“I cannot tell you how much I personally shall miss him. His kindness of heart and absolute unselfishness have endeared him to us all, and his troop loved him like a father. . . . We feel his loss most deeply, as he was absolutely beloved by both Officers and men.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“It is no use writing on these occasions, I know, but I should just like to say how devoted the whole Regiment was to him. Officers and men alike all loved him.”

A lance-corporal in his troop wrote:—

“I cannot tell you how much we shall miss Mr. Bruce; he was liked by every man, and by his fellow Officers in the Regiment, and he will never be forgotten by the men who were in his troop.”

Another brother-officer wrote to his father:—

“Your son was in the squadron I used to command, and had endeared himself to all ranks.”



JAMES ERNEST JOHN BRUDENELL BRUCE

LIEUTENANT G. K. M. BUTLER

Scottish Horse

The Head Master's 05²-10²

Aged 24

July 17th, 1916

SON of the late Henry Montagu Butler (O.H.), D.D., Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and of his wife, Agnata Frances Butler. Entrance Scholar; Monitor, 1909; Botfield Scholar, 1908. Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge; Members' Prize for Latin Essay, 1910; Senior Scholar, 1911; Porson Prize, Gladstone Prize, Montagu Butler Medal; 1st Class Classical Tripos; 1st Class History Tripos.

Lieutenant Butler received a Commission in the Scottish Horse and left England on August 18th, 1915. He reached Gallipoli on September 1st, and was wounded at Suvla Bay three days later. He returned on October 30th, remaining in the Peninsula till December 10th, when he went to Egypt. He died at El Kantara on July 17th, 1916, after 36 hours' illness, the cause of which is unknown.

His Brigadier wrote :—

“He passed on as he lived, the best and happiest type of a British Officer and gentleman.”

His Commanding Officer wrote :—

“He was highly thought of and popular with all ranks, and his loss will, I know, be deeply felt in the Regiment. Although he has been with our Machine Gun detachment, we have always been together until a month or two ago. Professionally I looked upon him as one of the best Officers in the Regiment.”

The Brigade Machine Gun Officer wrote :—

“I worked with him for ten months in an intimacy that only such an association as the intimacy of a Machine Gun section can produce. I had the pleasure of training him in Machine Gun work, and found him such an apt pupil, that he very soon excelled his master both in inventive genius and mastery of detail.”

The Officer who succeeded to the command of the Machine Gun Squadron wrote :—

“I can't just express to you in words our deep sorrow for the loss of such a fine Officer and friend. He leaves a big blank in our ranks. . . . I learned to know him well, and to appreciate his fine capabilities and pluck. . . . The men in his Section expressed a desire to put up a stone to the memory of their Officer, and I was glad that it really came from them direct, right off their own bat.”



GORDON KERR MONTAGU BUTLER

CAPTAIN SIR H. G. T. BUTLIN, BART.

Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.F.)

The Grove 06³-11⁷

Aged 23

September 16th, 1916

ONLY SON of the late Sir Henry Trentham Butlin, 1st Bart., F.R.C.S., sometime President of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and of his wife, Annie Tipping Butlin, of 22 Harcourt Terrace, S.W.

Trinity College, Cambridge, 1911, B.A. 1914; won the Macnaghten Sculls; was a student at the Inner Temple.

Captain Butlin joined the Cambridgeshire Regiment on August 1st, 1914. He went to the Western Front in February, 1915, as 2nd Lieutenant, and became Lieutenant, then Captain and Adjutant by June, 1915. He was reported wounded and missing near Beaumont Hamel on September 16th, 1916, after a bombing attack. As nothing has since been heard of him his death has now been presumed on that date. He was mentioned in Despatches.

Lieut.-Colonel Riddell, commanding 1/1 Cambridgeshire Regiment, wrote to his Mother :—

“Poor Guy was wounded in the act of binding up the wound of a brother-officer while under very heavy fire at point-blank range. . . . All we know is that he told one of the stretcher bearers to go back for help and bring more ammunition. Every effort was made that night—and very gallant efforts they were—to bring in your son, but without success. One of his brother-officers crawled out in the daylight to find him, but was driven back. The following night another effort was made. This time we found out for certain that he was in the hands of the Germans.

“We are all very depressed at losing poor Guy. If he had a fault, it was that he always thought of others and never gave a thought for himself—that was how he received his wound. We have lost a brave man and a great friend.”

Major Few wrote to his Mother :—

“Lieutenant Bradford made several determined efforts himself throughout the night to reach your son, and was the last to come in after wading through a marsh, sometimes up to his shoulders in water, in order to try and find a way round by a flank. He showed the greatest gallantry. . . . He will be greatly missed by all. I don't think there is an Officer in the Battalion who had the welfare and comfort of the men more at heart than he had.”



SIR HENRY GUY TRENTHAM BUTLIN, BART.

2ND LIEUTENANT P. H. BYNG

Royal Field Artillery

Newlands 062-103

Aged 24

September 25th, 1916

ONLY son of Max Byng, of 4 Kensington Court, W., and of Mrs. Byng. Exeter College, Oxford, 1910.

Owing to ill-health he had to leave Oxford and went abroad, spending much time in Switzerland, and afterwards in Eastern Europe, learning languages.

On the outbreak of the War 2nd Lieutenant Byng returned to England, but the Doctors would not at first pass him for the Army, so he joined the Recruiting Staff. In the spring of 1915 he succeeded in passing the Medical Examination and obtained a Commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. After going through his training and becoming Machine Gun Instructor, he transferred to the Royal Field Artillery and went out to India, being stationed at Rawal Pindi. After six months there he joined his Battery in the Es-Sinn position at Kut-el-Amara in April, 1916, where he remained till September 16th, when he caught enteric fever and died at the Rawal Pindi Hospital, Amara, on September the 25th, 1916.



PERCIVAL HOWARD BYNG

2ND LIEUTENANT C. J. BYRON

Honourable Artillery Company

West Acre 09³-14¹

Aged 20

January 10th, 1917

YOUNGEST son of John Byron, of Wyefield, the Knoll, Beckenham, and Ringmer, Sussex, and of Mrs. Byron.

Monitor.

Matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford.

2nd Lieutenant Byron, instead of going into residence at Oxford, enlisted as a Private in the H.A.C., in which he soon became Corporal, and then Sergeant. He twice declined a Commission, but finally, at the special request of his Colonel, took a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in his own Regiment in October, 1915. After taking courses in bombing and the Lewis Gun, he became so proficient that he was for some time employed in training recruits. He went to the Front in October, 1916, with his Battalion, and was killed by a shell on January 10th, 1917.

His Commanding Officer wrote :—

“It was an awful blow to all of us, for he was such a fine soldier, fearless and splendid—there was no better Officer in the Battalion and I loved the boy, he was so calm, thorough, and reliable.”



CLEMENT JOHN BYRON

2ND LIEUTENANT T. R. CASTLE

Royal West Surrey Regiment

Church Hill 96³-01²

Aged 33

August 31st, 1916

SECOND son of William Henry Castle and of his wife, Eleanor Wilhelmina Sadleir, of Pembroke Road, Kensington.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1904. Travelled in India, Spain, and Germany, and worked at Toynbee Hall in 1910. In 1911 he went to Australia and worked on a Government Survey, returning to England in 1912, and settled in Surrey as a land agent. Was the author of a book of poems entitled "The Gentle Shepherd."

Married, in 1912, Muriel Isabel Catherine, only daughter of R. Mowbray Howard, of Hampton Lodge, Surrey, and leaves a daughter.

2nd Lieutenant Castle enlisted in the Universities and Public Schools Battalion on the outbreak of the War and, in February, 1915, obtained a Commission in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. He went to France in July, 1916, and took part in the attack on Guillemont. He was killed on August 31st, 1916, by a gas shell at Delville Wood, during a heavy bombardment.



TUDOR RALPH CASTLE

CAPTAIN R. A. B. CHANCELLOR

Royal Berkshire Regiment

High Street 09³-14²

Aged 21

December 24th, 1916

ELDER SON of E. Beresford Chancellor, M.A., F.R.H.S., of The Croft, Wargrave, Berks, and of Mrs. Chancellor.

Monitor; Head of his House; Cricket XI 1914. Won the Shakespeare Medal and the Bouchier History Prize. The late G. Townsend Warner dedicated his book, "The Writing of English," to him. Matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, 1914.

Captain Chancellor, instead of going into residence at Oxford, obtained a Commission in the Royal Berkshire Regiment on the outbreak of the War. Three months later he became Lieutenant, and Captain in March, 1916. He went to France with his Regiment in September, 1915, where they were in reserve, but not called on, at Loos, and in the following December he moved with the Regiment to Salonika.

He died on December 24th, 1916, from the effects of shell wounds, received while leading his men in a raid on the enemy trenches the previous evening. Caring only for the conduct of the raid, he insisted that the wounded men of his company should be carried back first, and remained "joking and cheering on his men, with absolute disregard for himself." Had he lived he would have been recommended for the D.S.O.

His Colonel wrote :—

"I cannot speak too highly of him. He was absolutely fearless, always cool and collected in any emergency, and never by any chance lost his head. He was a most valuable Officer; his death is a great shock to me, and he is an enormous loss to the Regiment."

Captain Rogers, of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, wrote :—

"He was such a splendid character, and never have I known a man with a nicer mind. He was essentially a man in the best sense, yet with all the intuition and sympathy of a woman."

Captain Pike, of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, wrote :—

"The few remaining old hands amongst us still talk from time to time about Dick. The sense of our loss has not by any means diminished as the days pass. I find it terribly hard to carry on without him. And if any proof were needed that he did not die in vain, it would be afforded by noticing the influence he still has in the Battalion."

Another brother-officer wrote :—

"I have never met such a well-informed fellow, nor one so well read and interesting, and yet he was so utterly unaffected and modest."



RICHARD ALFRED BERESFORD CHANCELLOR

CAPTAIN L. S. CHARLES

Worcestershire Regiment (attached R.F.C.)

Church Hill 08'-14'

Aged 21

July 30th, 1916

SECOND SON OF R. Stafford Charles, of Broomfield, Stanmore, Middlesex, and of Mrs. Stafford Charles.

Entrance Scholar, 1908.

Captain Charles was gazetted to the Worcestershire Regiment in August, 1914, and left England for Gallipoli in May, 1915, going straight into the trenches on arrival. He was invalided home in the following August suffering from shell shock. He joined the Royal Flying Corps in January, 1916, and took his Pilot's Certificate in May, leaving for France on July 5th, 1916. On July 30th he took part in an aerial fight, four of our machines against twelve of the enemy, and was last seen descending in the German lines with engine trouble. He was reported 'missing' until October 11th, when he was officially reported 'died on July 30th, in German hands.'

His Squadron Commander wrote to his father :—

"He went over the lines for the first time on the 26th, with a party of other machines from this Squadron, and had with them a fight with two German machines, which were driven off. He was brought down on the afternoon of the 30th, about 5.30 p.m., only the second time he went over. They were in the neighbourhood of St. Quentin. This time they had another fight, and your son and his Observer were seen by the others going down under control, with blue smoke coming from the engine, which would mean, not that the machine was on fire, but that a bullet had pierced one of the cylinders. The machine, as I say, was going down under perfect control."

A brother-officer who was with him in Gallipoli wrote :—

"The Battalion has been 27 days in the firing line straight off the reel. . . . Even Charles has gone back to the base with a touch of nerve shock. Poor Charles, he did stick it magnificently, until it became too much for him. He had an extremely hot corner to hang on to throughout the Saturday and Sunday following the advance, and, although his Platoon was under an incessant shell and rifle-fire, he kept them well in hand. Eventually shells began dropping actually in the trench, after knocking down his parapets and machine gun emplacements; one shell alone killed four, wounded another, and knocked off Charles' hat, leaving him for the moment practically speechless. He never gave way until relieved, and his line is still intact."



LESLIE STAFFORD CHARLES

2ND LIEUTENANT F. D. T. COOPER

Royal Scots

High Street 11²-15⁴

Aged 18

July 23rd, 1916

SON of F. T. Cooper, K.C., of 41 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, and of Mrs. Cooper.

2nd Lieutenant Cooper was killed in action in an attack on Waterlot Farm on July 23rd, 1916. He had only been in France a few weeks. It was merely owing to his own pluck that he was there at all, for he was only eighteen when his name was put on the list accidentally, and his Adjutant told him he need not go, but he insisted on being sent.

His Colonel wrote:—

“Your son was a most affectionate friend to me always: so considerate, so kindly, so helpful, and as faithful to me in everything as an old faithful dog. It is an odd likeness, but I know no other creature than a dog which gives one that same unquestioning and unending affection and confidence.

“He was a brave boy, very keen, and my Regiment lost a splendid Officer.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“I am afraid I cannot give you many particulars about your boy's death, as I myself was knocked out by a gas shell about two days before he was killed. I saw him last on the morning of the 19th. He was such a fine boy, and so brave, and my Regiment lost a splendid Officer. His death occurred on July 23rd, during an attack on Waterlot Farm. It was impossible to bring back his body.”

A brother-officer who was at Harrow with him wrote:—

“Douglas was such a splendid fellow, and such a good friend. He was one of the kind that the better one knew him the more one grew to esteem him.”



FRANK DOUGLAS TOWERS COOPER

CAPTAIN J. O. COOPER

Royal Flying Corps

The Knoll 09²-13²

Aged 20

July 21st, 1916

YOUNGEST son of the late Sir Alfred Cooper and of Lady Cooper, of Ossemsley Manor, Christchurch.

Captain Cooper, who was in Australia when the War broke out, immediately returned to England and joined the Royal Flying Corps. He was officially posted as 'missing' on July 21st, 1916, but was later reported by the Geneva Red Cross to have been shot down and killed on that date, while on a bombing expedition over the German lines. He was considered by all who knew him as one of the most promising men in the R.F.C., and, if he had been spared, would have got his Squadron before he was twenty-one.

His Squadron Commander wrote to his mother :—

"My whole Squadron sympathises with you. I can't tell you how upset everyone is, he was so loved and respected. To me he is a very great loss, my best Flight-Commander, and the best Pilot in my Squadron. A very gallant fellow."

The sergeant in his Flight wrote :—

"He was a man without fear, with the heart of a lion. If at any time there was the least idea of a machine being unfit to cross the lines, he would always test it himself before sending anyone else. He won the respect and admiration of all, from the Major to the newest joined Air Mechanic, and, come what may, we shall never get another Captain Cooper."



JACK OLIVER COOPER

CAPTAIN C. N. CORY

Royal Field Artillery

Rendalls 01³-04²

Aged 28

October 30th, 1916

SON of Herbert B. Cory, of Druidstone, St. Mellons, Cardiff, and of his wife, Constance Cory.

R.M.A., Woolwich, where he won the History Prize.

Captain Cory was gazetted to the Royal Field Artillery in 1907. In 1911, when he was Whip to the Regimental Harriers at Bulford Camp, he won the Harriers Steeplechase Cup, though in the course of the race he had fallen and broken his collar-bone.

He went to the Front with the 72nd Battery forming part of the 6th Division in September, 1914. At the First Battle of Ypres this Battery formed part of the 3rd Corps, which Lord French specially commended for its great gallantry and devotion to duty. He served continuously in France with this Battery until his death, with the exception of a few weeks when he was in command of a Trench Mortar Battery. He was then given command of his original Battery, the 72nd, and a few weeks later, on October 30th, 1916, was in his dug-out at Morval when a shell fell on it and killed or wounded all the Officers of the Battery. His death was instantaneous and he was buried at Festubert.

His Colonel wrote :—

“Captain Cory had not been long in his Battery, but in that time he had endeared himself to all ranks, and we all feel that we have lost a valued comrade, and that the Service has been deprived of a gallant and efficient Officer.”

The Captain of the Artillery of his Division wrote :—

“It will be some consolation to you to know how nobly and bravely Captain Cory has borne himself and laboured in the great struggle. He was always so quiet, sweet-tempered, and bright. I remember him working away with his men after a terrible night a month ago, when his Battery had lost all its Officers but one, getting into a new position. His men loved him.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was one of the most gallant and efficient Officers in the Regiment, and your great loss is ours also.”



CYRIL NOEL CORY

SQUADRON-COMMANDER I. H. W. S. DALRYMPLE-CLARK

Royal Naval Air Service

High Street 02'-05'

Aged 29

September 8th, 1916

ONLY SON of I. H. Dalrymple-Clark, Civil Service, of 26 Hans Crescent, S.W., and of Mrs. Dalrymple-Clark, of Farnham, Surrey.

Shooting VIII, 1904-5.

Married Margaret, daughter of Arthur Savory.

Squadron-Commander Dalrymple-Clark, after leaving Harrow, joined the 17th Lancers and retired in 1910. He then went in for flying, joining the Royal Flying Corps, Naval Wing. He was killed in an accident while flying at Cranwell on September 8th, 1916.

The following is taken from the *Piloteer* :—

“The sad accident on Friday, September 8th, deprived Cranwell of one of its most energetic and capable Officers. Squadron-Commander I. H. W. S. Dalrymple-Clark was universally acknowledged to be one of the best pilots in the R.N.A.S., and his loss will be deeply felt throughout the whole Service. Skilful and experienced, he will always be remembered as a most steady and careful pilot, who never essayed foolhardy tricks, all his exhibitions being carried out at safe altitudes. . . . the accident was one which might happen to any two machines at any time when clouds are about, and consequently no blame can possibly be attached to either pilot, nor can any suspicion of carelessness be hinted at.”

The following is taken from the *Aeroplane* :—

“After joining the R.N.A.S. he was stationed at Eastchurch, and quickly showed that he was not only a very fine pilot, but had the gift of studying his machine's peculiarities and reporting thereon in a manner which made his tests of high value to the Service. From Eastchurch he was transferred to the Central Flying School, under Commodore (then Captain) Godfrey Paine, R.N., and was appointed instructor. There he did most useful work, and was responsible for the training of many pilots who have distinguished themselves on active service. Later on he was appointed to experimental work and carried out many tests which produced far-reaching results, not only as regards aeroplanes, but also concerning engines, bomb dropping, and various scientific adjuncts to aircraft.”



IAN HEW WALDGRAVE STAIR DALRYMPLE-CLARK

CAPTAIN E. B. M. DELMEGE, M.C.

East Lancashire Regiment

Druries 03³-08²

Aged 27

October 23rd, 1916

SON of S. Delmege, of Ballywire, Co. Tipperary, and of Mrs. Delmege.

Trinity College, Oxford.

Captain Delmege last visited Harrow when, as a Lieutenant in the East Lancashires, in August, 1914, that Regiment lay in the football fields with the Fourth Division, before going to France to take part in the Retreat from Mons. He won the Military Cross early in the War for exceptional dash and judgment and was on the point of being gazetted Major when he was killed on October 23rd, 1916.



EYRE BOLTON MASSY DELMEGE

MAJOR A. H. N. DEVENISH

Royal Field Artillery

West Acre 86^t-88^s

Aged 44

October 5th, 1916

ELDEST SON of the late Matthew Henry Devenish, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. J. A. Devenish & Co., Brewers, Weymouth, and of Mrs. Devenish.

Major Devenish joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1891 and served in the South African War from 1899 to 1902, being wounded at Driefontein. He was twice mentioned in Despatches and received the Queen's and King's medals with seven clasps. He retired as Captain in 1905 and joined the Fife Militia.

He was called up on the outbreak of the War and was attached as Major to the 15th Battery R.F.A. at Hulsea Barracks, Portsmouth. He died on October 5th, 1916, after an operation for appendicitis.



ARTHUR HENRY NOEL DEVENISH

2ND LIEUTENANT H. N. DICKINSON

Royal West Kent Regiment

Home Boarders 95^s-00^t

Aged 34

October 13th, 1916

ELDER SON of Henry Dickinson, of Martins, Burnham, Bucks, and late of Peterborough House, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and of his wife, Ellen Marion Dickinson.

Monitor, 1900.

Balliol College, Oxford, B.A. 1905. Barrister-at-Law at the Inner Temple, 1905. He did not practise at the Bar, but devoted himself to literary and political work. He threw himself earnestly into the cause of Tariff Reform and wrote regularly for the *World's Work* and other papers: was at one time Secretary of the Compatriots Club. Among his novels are "Things that are Cæsar's," "Keddy," which an article in the *Observer* called the 'the best, perhaps the only, novel on Oxford,' and "The Business of a Gentleman."

In January, 1915, 2nd Lieutenant Dickinson obtained a Commission in the Royal West Kent Regiment and was for a time attached to the G.O.C., Chatham. Not satisfied, however, that he was bearing the full burden with others, he rejoined his Regiment and went to the Front with the 6th Battalion in June, 1916. He was dangerously wounded on October 7th, and, after cruel sufferings, cheerfully and heroically borne, died on October 13th, 1916.

A brother-officer wrote:—

"As far as I can make out, his wounds were caused by a shell which landed in our trench. . . . I learn from eye-witnesses that he was obviously badly wounded, but refused to have anything done for himself, until all the others had been attended to. He was most courageous, and, although he was in so much pain, he walked about the trench with a smile on his face, encouraging his men. His one disappointment was that he could not go over the top with his Platoon. . . . The men were full of the extraordinary amount of pluck he displayed. They could not praise him enough."

A Staff Officer wrote to his father:—

"It may be some very slight consolation to you to know that outside his own family your son will be remembered always, not only as a very desirable member of our Mess, but as a real man and a splendid Christian of the finest type. He is a loss to the whole nation, because, had he suppressed his natural modesty, he would have done great things."



HUMPHREY NEVILLE DICKINSON

CAPTAIN E. R. DONNER

Rifle Brigade

Moretons 09²-14¹

Aged 21

September 3rd, 1916

ELDER twin son of the late Harry Philip Donner and of Mrs. Donner, of Kington Langley, Chippenham, Wilts, late of 35 Prince's Gardens, S.W.

Head of his House. Football XI. 1912, 1913, and represented the School at Association Football.

Magdalen College, Oxford.

When the War broke out Captain Donner enlisted in the Buffs, and shortly after, in October, 1914, he was given a Commission in the Rifle Brigade. He was promoted in February, 1915, and went out to the Front in the following July. In September he was given his Captaincy, and was subsequently mentioned in Despatches. He was killed in action at the storming of Guillemont on September 3rd, 1916, at the head of his men.

The Officer in command at the time of his death wrote :—

“He was in the third line of German trenches, gallantly leading his Company, when he was shot through the spine and dropped dead. When he was in the front line I knew our Companies were then all right ; I felt absolute security. For a boy just over twenty-one he was phenomenal.”

Another Officer wrote to his House Master :—

“You knew Donner well, so I need not tell you in what universal respect he was held by both Officers and men. His Company was not all that one might desire in many ways, when he took command of it nine months ago. After two or three months, when he had had time to impress his personality on it, it became the best in the Battalion, and more than equal to many companies under the command of regular soldiers of many years' experience.”

Colonel Harrington, commanding 11th Rifle Brigade, wrote :—

“I had been in command of the 11th Battalion until August 25th, when I was wounded, so I was not with the Battalion when they did so brilliantly on the 3rd September. I had many opportunities of appreciating your son's excellent qualities, both as an Officer and a comrade. He was a splendid Company leader and his loss to the Battalion will be very great. He met his death, as all our best do, as a leader of men in a successful enterprise ; but he was of a type that the British Army—and the nation, for that matter—cannot afford to lose.”



ERIC ROBIN DONNER

2ND LIEUTENANT E. S. DORAN

Royal Field Artillery

Newlands 03³-05²

Aged 27

November 2nd, 1916

ONLY son of Edward Anthony Doran, C.I.E., late Postmaster-General, Bombay, retired, of Battenhurst, Wokingham, Berkshire, and of his wife, Alicia Doran.

Was appointed to the Government Service in India, as Superintendent of Post Offices in Burma.

On the outbreak of the War 2nd Lieutenant Doran volunteered for field service and went to Egypt with the Field Post Office. He returned to England at the end of 1915, and enlisted in the Inns of Court O.T.C. He was then sent to the R.A. Cadet School at Exeter, and was gazetted to a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery in August, 1916. He left for the Front the following month and was posted to the 68th Battery R.F.A., 4th Division, in which he served till his death. He was killed in action by a shell on November 2nd, 1916, near Ginchy.

The Major commanding 68th Battery R.F.A. wrote :—

“He seemed so absolutely fearless that one hoped his luck was in, but I suppose it was willed otherwise. I cannot tell you what his loss means to me personally or to the rest of the Battery, who absolutely loved him. His end was a heroic and, I hope, a painless one. All my men wish me to convey to you their sympathy, and to tell you that they loved him and admired him as a lion-hearted British gentleman.”

The Chaplain wrote to his father :—

“I fear that personally I only knew your son slightly ; the last time I saw him was only two days ago, when I had lunch with him and the Major at the Battery. But everyone to-day, in other Batteries as well as his own, said the same thing of him—he was absolutely fearless and set a magnificent example to his men, who are going through a very hard time in an exposed position.”



EDWARD SHERIDAN DORAN

LIEUTENANT G. F. ELLIOT

South Staffordshire Regiment

West Acre 04^a-08^a

Aged 26

August 31st, 1916

ONLY son of Gerald Elliot, Solicitor, of Offendene, Sutton Road, Walsall, and of his wife, Helen Elliot.

New College, Oxford, B.A. 1911.

Lieutenant Elliot went to the Front in September, 1915. He was wounded on February 16th, 1916, and on this occasion was mentioned in Despatches for gallant conduct in the Field. He returned to the Front in July of the same year. He was reported wounded on August 31st, 1916, at Delville Wood and was afterwards presumed killed on his way back to the Dressing Station.

His Colonel wrote:—

“He was a brave and fearless Officer and very popular with us all. He is a great loss to the Regiment.”



GEOFFREY FABER ELLIOT

CAPTAIN H. S. FAREBROTHER, M.C.

Norfolk Regiment

The Head Master's 05'-08'

Aged 26

July 24th, 1916

YOUNGER son of the late E. W. Farebrother, F.R.I.B.A., and of his wife Kate, *née* Sutcliffe, now Mrs. Brooks Wood, of 15 Elm Place, South Kensington, and grandson of the Rev. C. Farebrother, M.A., Rector of Truham-cum-Corby, and Chaplain to the Duke of Cambridge.

Monitor, 1907.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1908.

Captain Farebrother was gazetted to the Norfolk Regiment in November, 1909, and served at Gibraltar, in Belgium, in India, and in Mesopotamia. He went to the Front in November, 1914, and was three times mentioned in Despatches, and was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery at Shaiba, in Mesopotamia. It was there, on April 12th, 1915, he received the wounds from which he died in London, on July 24th, 1916.

Colonel Peebles wrote to his Mother :—

“Your boy will be a great loss to the Regiment ; you know yourself how popular he was with all ranks. We can ill afford to lose him.”

Major Lodge wrote :—

“He seemed to have such a good influence both on the men and on his brother-officers, quite extraordinary in such a young and most popular man. You do not know what a blank his death will make in the Regiment.”

Colonel Luard wrote :—

“He was such a splendid fellow in every way.”

Captain Temple-Frere wrote :—

“He was the best and keenest soldier I have ever seen.”



HARCOURT SUTCLIFFE FAREBROTHER

CAPTAIN J. G. K. FARRAR

Lancashire Fusiliers

West Acre 94¹-98²

Aged 36

October 4th, 1916

SON of the late F. W. Lewis Farrar, Solicitor, and of Mrs. Farrar, now Mrs. B. R. Beale, of Thorney Court.

Christ Church, Oxford. Was called to the Bar.

Married, in 1909, Gwendoline Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Fegan, M.D.

When the South African War broke out Captain Farrar was in Australia, and enlisted in the Tasmanian Light Horse, in which he became Lance-Corporal, and served in the latter part of that War.

In August, 1914, he enlisted in the 18th Hussars and was subsequently given a Commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers. After preliminary training he first saw service in France, but his Battalion was then sent to another Front. He was killed in action at Salonika on October 4th, 1916.

His Commanding Officer wrote :—

“To me he was not just Captain Farrar, an Officer under my command, but ‘Maria,’ the intimate, whimsical, thoughtful comrade who would have given any help, service, or advice I liked to ask, and he gave me all in full measure. Over and over again he and I enjoyed a happy day together, and his unfailing and humorous good spirits were a perpetual joy to me. Full of resource as he was, full of gaiety, he was invaluable. He and Wormald, always together, were an inseparable and splendid combination. And as they were inseparable in service, so they became inseparable in sacrifice and have passed into that sacred combination of brotherhood that has left the Battalion infinitely the poorer.”



JULIAN GORDON KNOWLES FARRAR

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. J. FIFE

Yorkshire Regiment

Elmfield 94³-96³

Aged 36

February 7th, 1917

ELDER son of the late Major William Henry Fife-Cookson, of Langton Hall, Northallerton, and of Janet, daughter of Admiral Boyle.

Married, in 1915, Mary Aileen Courage, and left two sons, the younger of whom died three weeks after his father.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieut.-Colonel Fife joined the K.R.R.C. in 1899. He served in the South African War with the Mounted Infantry and was dangerously wounded. Later he became A.D.C. to Sir Reginald Talbot, Governor-General of Australia, and afterwards to Earl Grey in Canada.

In September, 1914, he was gazetted Major to the 4th (Reserve) Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. In May of the following year he was in temporary command of the 2/5 Durham Light Infantry, and then of No. 1 Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps at Grantham. In November, 1916, he was in command of the Machine Gun Corps Base Depôt in France, where he died on February 7th, 1917, from heart failure following pneumonia.

The following are extracts from letters of brother-officers:—

“You can have no idea how fond we all were of him in the 2/5 Durhams, and how greatly we missed him when he left us to join the M.G. Corps. I can say that without exception he was the finest man I have ever met, and I feel that I have lost, not only my Commanding Officer, but a great friend.”

“It was a terrible shock to us all at the Depôt and is very much felt by all ranks here, as he was tremendously liked, and anyone would have done anything for him.”

“It will be such a great loss not only to you but to everyone else who knew him, as he was so universally beloved.”

“He gave inspiration to us all, both men and Officers.”



ALEXANDER JOHN FIFE

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. E. FITZGERALD

East Surrey Regiment

West Acre 86^a-89^a

Aged 45

July 13th, 1916

SECOND son of the late R. A. Fitzgerald (O.H.), and of Mrs. Fitzgerald, now Mrs. Blewitt, of Wallop House, Hampshire.

Married, in 1907, Mary Eleanor, second daughter of Colonel Irwin, of Lynehow, Carlisle, and leaves two daughters.

After farming in Natal, Colonel Fitzgerald entered the British South African Police as a Trooper and went through the operations in South Africa in 1896, for which he received the medal. He obtained a Commission, in 1899, in the West Indian Regiment, and, after serving as Garrison Adjutant in Jamaica, he was specially employed in the Gold Coast, and, in 1900, took part in the Ashanti Campaign, for which he also received the medal. From 1904-1908 he was with the Egyptian Army in the Soudan and Kordofan, and, in 1908, was transferred as a Captain to the East Surrey Regiment, serving most of his time with them in India. In 1902 he was appointed Adjutant of the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles in Ootacamund. He was given his Majority in September, 1915, when he proceeded to France, as Second-in-Command of the 9th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, and took part in the Battle of Loos. Next day he was given the command of the 15th Durham Light Infantry and served with them until he was fatally wounded, in the Battle of the Somme, on July 1st, 1916, and died twelve days latter.

He was mentioned in Despatches.

His Brigadier wrote :—

“There is no harm in telling you now that his name went in for ‘immediate reward’ of a D.S.O., and I have no doubt he would have got it, had he lived, as I had especially ‘starred’ his name.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“There was not an Officer or a man in the Regiment who would not have followed him anywhere, and, what is more, they did so, when they were asked to the other day.”

One of his men wrote :—

“We had a trying time of it. The Colonel worked wonderfully, and the men loved him for the way he did it. They will never forget how brave he was, and how he encouraged them and led them to victory that day.”



ALBERT EDWARD FITZGERALD

LIEUTENANT B. LA T. FOSTER

Manchester Regiment

The Grove 07²-12²

Aged 23

July 23rd, 1916

SECOND son of the Rev. Frederic La Trobe Foster, late Vicar of Brenchley, Kent, and of his wife, Frances Mary, *née* Gladstone, of Combe End, Woking.

Trinity College, Cambridge. He composed several songs, hymn tunes, etc., one of which, a War Intercession, has had a circulation of over 30,000.

Lieutenant Foster was given a Commission in the Manchester Regiment in October, 1914, and went to France in November, 1915. On November 25th he was slightly wounded, but recovered and came home for short leave in May, 1916. He was reported 'missing' at the end of July, and as nothing has since been heard of him he has been officially presumed killed in action on July 23rd, 1916.

His Commanding Officer wrote :—

"With my deepest sympathy I must tell you I believe he was killed. He died anyway leading his men into an absolute hell and upheld to the end the reputation of his Battalion. He was a most conscientious Officer, a good worker, and liked by everyone."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"We attacked Guillemont from Trônes Wood at 3.40 a.m. on July 23rd. It was almost dark, with a deceiving mist, and the shelling was so heavy we could not see more than ten yards ahead. The Battalion fought to the last, and, though so smashed about, are covered with glory. He was leading the first wave on the right, where the wire had been imperfectly cut by our artillery. They had about 750 yards to go, and he fell within 50 yards of the German trenches."

Another wrote :—

"He was so game—no matter how bad the day, or the weather, or the Boches. He would get knocked down and come up smiling each time, simply covered with mud and only his eyes shining. He was game all through, and that's what Lancashire boys love."

Another wrote :—

"He was idolized by his men. . . . If he was anywhere about it made all the difference. His was a wonderful character. In many ways I never expect to meet his equal."



BERNARD LA TROBE FOSTER

2ND LIEUTENANT D. D. FOWLER

Royal Flying Corps

The Park 11²-14³

Aged 19

March 17th, 1917

ELDEST son of the late James Fowler, of Dyxcroft, Rottingdean, and Redcourt, Wimbledon Common, and of the late Mrs. Fowler.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Was engaged to be married to Miss Joan Waterhouse, of Brighton.

2nd Lieutenant Fowler joined the Royal Flying Corps in March, 1916, and spent some months on service in the North of England. In September, 1916, he was ordered to Salonika, and in the following month was wounded and sent to Malta. In December he was invalided home and on recovery was posted to the Aerodrome at Telscombe, near Brighton. He was killed on March 17th, 1917, at Telscombe, while night flying by orders from Headquarters, as enemy aircraft had been sighted. The actual cause of the accident is unknown, death being instantaneous. At the time of his accident he was Officer-in-Command at Telscombe Aerodrome. He was buried with military honours in Rottingdean Churchyard.

At the inquest held at Newhaven, at which all the evidence procurable was given, both Officers and men testified that he was a most competent and skilful pilot. One of his men spoke of him as being "as fearless as a lion, and as playful as a kitten." He was exceedingly popular, not only among the Officers, but also among the men, and his loss is greatly mourned at Telscombe."



DAVID DENNYS FOWLER

2ND LIEUTENANT A. H. FRY

London Regiment

Newlands 99²-04²

Aged 30

October 31st, 1916

SON of F. J. Fry, of Cricket St. Thomas, Chard, and of Mrs. Fry.

McCall Scholar 1904. Science and Mathematical Scholar, King's College, Cambridge, 1904. Foundation Scholar, 1906. Bracketed 16th Wrangler, 1907. B.A., 1907. Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, 1911.

He was devotedly fond of Harrow and one of his first acts on leaving it, and finding himself in command of money, was to contribute generously to the Land Purchase Scheme. His interest in the Science Schools was also maintained after he left, and he helped very liberally both with their extension and equipment.

Married Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. Carberry and Lady Henrietta Evans.

2nd Lieutenant Fry, who was a member of the Inns of Court O.T.C. when the War broke out, was given a Commission in the London Regiment in March, 1915, and went to the Front in the following December. He was wounded on October 8th, 1916, when leading his Company in a night attack, all the other Officers having been previously killed or wounded. It was not until five days later that he reached the base hospital, where his right leg was amputated. Septic poisoning, however, set in, and he died on October 31st, 1916.

His Colonel wrote :—

“Although I knew from the first that there was no chance of his rejoining the Battalion, I quite hoped that he might have been spared to return to a quiet life in England. We had no one braver or more conscientious with us in the Regiment, and we all feel his loss greatly.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was singularly brave, conscientious, and thoughtful for others, and all these qualities were very much in evidence on the night when he was wounded.”



ALFRED HAROLD FRY

LIEUTENANT R. A. GAULT

Grenadier Guards

Newlands $\left. \begin{array}{l} 11^{\text{th}}-14^{\text{th}} \\ 15^{\text{th}}-15^{\text{th}} \end{array} \right\}$

Aged 19

September 16th, 1916

ELDEST son of Leslie Hamilton Gault, of Braehead, Montreal, and of Tetton House, Taunton, and of Mrs. Gault.

Lieutenant Gault left Harrow in July, 1914, to take up a promising business appointment. When the War broke out he returned to Harrow by special permission, in order to prepare for the Army, and was gazetted to the Grenadier Guards in January, 1916. He was promoted Lieutenant on September 10th, 1916, and was killed in action six days later.

His Colonel wrote:—

“He died a most gallant death; he fell doing outpost duty beyond the first line of trenches on the night of September 16th. I am personally very sad; he was a dear, good, gallant lad, and was doing splendidly in every way.”



ROBERT ANDERSON GAULT

SERGEANT D. B. GILLESPIE

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Home Boarders 93²-97²

Aged 36

September 11th, 1916

SECOND SON of William Gillespie, West India Merchant, of Fir View, Weybridge, Surrey, and of his wife, Grace Gillespie.

Married Gwendoline M. Williams, and leaves three children.

Was for some years in the London and New York Office of his father's firm, but latterly was fruit farming in Canada.

Sergeant Gillespie came over with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He went to the Front in January, 1916, where he saw much active service both in Flanders, and in France. He was killed on September 11th, 1916, during an advance on the Somme.



DAVID BRYCE GILLESPIE

2ND LIEUTENANT A. S. GILMOUR

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

Druries 02'-06'

Aged 28

September 15th, 1916

SECOND son of the late A. Gilmour, of Eaglesham, Renfrewshire, and of Mrs. Gilmour.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1909.

Parliamentary Secretary to W. Mitchell-Thomson, M.P. for North Down, Ireland.

Married, in 1912, and leaves a son and daughter.

2nd Lieutenant Gilmour enlisted as a Trooper in the London Yeomanry in September, 1914, and was afterwards given a Commission in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He left for France in August, 1916, and was killed by a shell while leading his men over the parapet on September 15th, 1916, near Albert.

A brother-officer wrote:—

“He was the dearest and best fellow who ever lived, and the news has cast a black cloud over the whole Battalion. . . . Dear old Alistair was out and away the most loved Officer in the Battalion, and I must tell you that guest-night to-night has been washed out—the first and only time I have ever known such a thing to be done. Nobody had any heart for it.”

Another wrote:—

“He died a gallant death, leading his men to the attack, on September 15th, at 6.30 a.m. I am glad to be able to tell you he was killed instantaneously and can have suffered no pain. We brought him back and buried him in a soldier's grave at Villa Wood, near Albert.”

Another wrote:—

“Dear old Alastair was too good a man for those vile Huns to spare. It seems that the best of our men have to go under. He was a real fine fellow.”

Another wrote:—

“He was the greatest man I ever met, and the man with the greatest personality, and all of it for good. I realise to what an extraordinary extent he influenced my life and the lives of all who ever met him.”



ALASTAIR STUART GILMOUR

LIEUTENANT N. W. GODDARD-JACKSON

Northamptonshire Regiment

The Grove 09³-14²

Aged 20

September 9th, 1916

ELDER son of Nicholas Goddard-Jackson, of Duddington, Stamford, Northants, and of Mrs. Goddard-Jackson.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Lieutenant Goddard-Jackson received a Commission in the Northamptonshire Regiment and went to the Front in May, 1916. He was killed on September 9th, 1916, whilst leading his men in an attack on the Bois des Fourreaux (High Wood), near Longueval, and is buried there.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was leading his men very well and reinforcing the front line, where needed. He was very popular in the Battalion, and will be greatly missed by both Officers and men.”

His Captain wrote :—

“We were all very proud of him. He was always extraordinarily cheerful and extremely keen to get on. He was delighted at the chance of getting to grips with the Hun, and it was in gallantly leading his men forward that he was struck by a piece of shell and was killed outright.”



NICHOLAS WILLIAM GODDARD-JACKSON

2ND LIEUTENANT F. GRISSELL

Coldstream Guards

Newlands 99³-04³

Aged 30

September 15th, 1916

FOURTH and youngest son of Thomas de la Garde Grissell, of Redisham Hall, Beccles, Suffolk, and of Frances Adelaide Grissell.

Adopted Architecture as a profession, serving his articles with Messrs. Nicholson and Corlette. Studied at the Royal College of Art, and was awarded the Diploma in Architecture; was elected an A.R.I.B.A. in 1913.

2nd Lieutenant Grissell, who, in 1913, had accepted a three years' engagement in Hong Kong, returned to England early in 1915, and enlisted in the Artists Rifles, subsequently receiving a Commission in the Coldstream Guards. He was killed by the explosion of a German hand-grenade on September 15th, 1916, after reaching the second objective during the Guards' advance.



FRANCIS GRISELL

2ND LIEUTENANT C. W. A. HALLIDAY

Royal Field Artillery

Home Boarders 98³-04²

Aged 31

November 17th, 1916

FOURTH and youngest son of James Halliday, East India Merchant, of Fishers, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and of Mrs. Halliday.

Monitor 1904. Football XI 1902-3, Captain 1903.

King's College, Cambridge, 1904, B.A. 1907. Rowed in his College Boat: was a member of the King's Tennis VI, and of the Chetwynd Society. Was in business in Liverpool for three years, then for a year in London, and afterwards in Calcutta.

2nd Lieutenant Halliday returned from India in February, 1916, and after joining an O.T.C. was given a Commission in the Royal Field Artillery, and went to the Front in July, 1916. He was wounded on November 8th, 1916, and was taken to the 2/2 London Casualty Clearing Station, but died nine days later.

The Doctor who attended him in hospital wrote:—

“Poor Halliday died yesterday—quite happy up to the very end, and quite free from any sort of pain throughout his illness. The Padre told me that his end was most peaceful and almost cheerful, as he was smiling and talking away quite joyously over the happy scenes of his youth, as long as breath was in his body.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“. . . It is also a great loss to the Royal Regiment. His keenness in his work and his unselfishness and cheeriness at all times were splendid, and, as I told you in my former letter, the value of his work to the Battery at a time of stress was very considerable indeed. The last thing he would have done was to spare himself; he always wanted to do more than his share. . . . The other Subaltern had come to relieve him at the Observation Post, and a shell came and got them both. In the same neighbourhood many casualties have occurred; altogether it was an unlucky spot for us. . . . I have wandered about a bit in parts of the world where one meets real men and have met some splendid characters, and it does me good to think that your son was one of them. A splendid character, who always thought of his job and of others first, a cheery messmate, and a brave man.”



CHARLES WALTER ALEXANDER HALLIDAY

LIEUTENANT J. H. HARFORD

South Wales Borderers

Moretons 10²-14²

Aged 20

October 26th, 1916

ELDEST son of John Charles Harford, of Blaise Castle, Henbury, and Falcondale, Lampeter, and of Blanche Amabel, second daughter of the Right Hon. St. John Raikes, late Postmaster-General.

Was Captain of his House at Cricket and House Racket-player, and won the Cross Country Race in 1914.

Lieutenant Harford had matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford, but never went into residence, joining instead the 3rd Battalion, South Wales Borderers, in September, 1914. In May, 1915, he was sent to Mudros, being attached to the 2nd Royal Fusiliers, and was severely wounded in Gallipoli by shrapnel, on June 30th, 1915. After being in hospital at Alexandria he was sent home and rejoined the South Wales Borderers in December, 1915. In March, 1916, he was sent with a draft to Egypt, and was transhipped to France the following month, being attached to the 2nd Battalion.

He was killed during a night patrol on October 26th, 1916. He was lying in a shell-hole close to the German trench attempting to locate the wire, when the enemy sent up Very lights and, in trying to confirm his work, he showed himself and was shot dead by a German sniper.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He always stuck it and always carried out whatever orders were given him with the utmost cheerfulness.”

The Chaplain wrote :—“He went to his death like a gallant gentleman,” and all his brother-officers wrote in the same strain of his pluck, and of his cheerful discharge of duty.



JOHN HENRY HARFORD

2ND LIEUTENANT G. H. HARRISON, M.C.

Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Druries 09²-14⁷

Aged 20

August 21st, 1916

ELDER SON of the late Major W. Harrison, 11th Hussars, of West Hill, Stalybridge, Cheshire, and of the late Ethel Henry, daughter of the late Major Alexander Henry Davies, of Villa Floridiana, Naples, afterwards Lady McDonnell of Dalness.

Magdalene College, Cambridge, 1914.

2nd Lieutenant Harrison, who twice failed to pass the Army eye test, eventually succeeded in getting into the Pembroke College Training Corps, and was gazetted to the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in January, 1915. He went out to France in May, 1916, and had only been there three months before his death. He was posthumously awarded the Military Cross on January 1st, 1917. He was mortally wounded on August 18th, 1916, while leading his Platoon in an attack on the enemy trenches at High Wood, Fourreaux. He was hit in the arm but refused to turn back, then wounded again, this time mortally, and died at Heilly three days later. In his last letter home he wrote :—"I expect to have more heavy fighting shortly. We are making history these days, and it is worth what it may cost."

His Colonel wrote :—

"I liked the boy so much. He was such a nice lad, and I always felt sure he would be a good fighter. I saw the Colonel of the 1st Battalion here yesterday on leave. He told me that Harrison had done very well for some time, and said he wanted to get him the Military Cross. He spoke of him in the warmest terms. I always knew and said there was good stuff in that boy, and how proud his father would have been."

Major Phillips wrote :—

"He was a very brave Officer and continued on after being wounded in the arm. His men were very full of his courage. He was shortly after hit again by a rifle bullet. He was through the actions on the 11th and 15th July and did very well, very pleased that he accounted for a Boche or two himself."

A Sergeant in his Platoon wrote :—

"Even after receiving his last wound one of the men wanted to stay with him, but Mr. Harrison would not allow it and said that every man was wanted who could possibly reach the Boche trench."



GEORGE HERBERT HARRISON

MAJOR G. W. HEMANS

29th Lancers, Indian Cavalry

Rendalls 93'-96'

Aged 37

March 4th, 1917

ONLY SON of Colonel A. G. W. Hemans, of Eagle Towers, Southsea, and of Mrs. Hemans, and great-grandson of Felicia Hemans, the poetess. R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married, in 1909, Helen, daughter of the late Rev. A. J. Myers, and leaves a son and a daughter.

After passing out of Sandhurst Major Hemans was gazetted to the Indian Army. He was then attached to the Cheshire Regiment and subsequently transferred to the Indian Cavalry. He was well known in India as a keen and most successful big-game hunter.

He went to France early in the War and was mentioned in Lord French's Despatches of October, 1915. He was killed in action on March 4th, 1917, having only just returned to the Front after riding in the King's Imperial escort at the opening of Parliament. At the time of his death he was commanding a detachment of his Regiment.

The Brigadier-General commanding the Lucknow Cavalry Brigade wrote:—

“He endeared himself to all who knew him by his cheeriness and sense of duty, and the loss to his Regiment and this Brigade cannot easily be replaced.”

His Colonel wrote:—

“His loss is very deeply felt by the Regiment, in which he was beloved by all. He was always cheery and bright, and eager to take part in any enterprise where duty called. If we all do our duty like him we must be happy, whatever happens.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“He was a very gallant gentleman in every sense of the word—no kinder-hearted or more honourable fellow ever lived.”

Another wrote:—

“He was one of the most popular and straightest fellows I have ever met.”



GEORGE WILLOUGHBY HEMANS

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. M. HOLDSWORTH

Royal Berkshire Regiment

Church Hill 89'-94'

Aged 40

July 6th, 1916

ELDEST son of Arthur Frederick Holdsworth, J.P., of Widdicombe House, Kingsbridge, South Devon, and of his wife, Florence Anne Holdsworth.

Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Played cricket for Berkshire and Devon. Was one of the Regimental Polo Team which played at Madrid on the occasion of King Alfonso's Coronation.

Lieut.-Colonel Holdsworth was gazetted to the Berkshire Regiment, from the Devon Militia, in April, 1900. He served with the 1st Battalion until 1912, being made Captain in 1910. He was appointed Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion in 1912.

On the outbreak of the War he proceeded with his Battalion to Portsmouth, where he remained until the end of 1915, being promoted to the rank of Major in September of that year. In December, 1915, he was appointed Lieut.-Colonel, to command the 2nd Battalion of his Regiment in France, remaining in command until July 1st, 1916, when he was twice severely wounded in the Battle of the Somme at Ovillers la Boiselle. He died of his wounds five days later, on July 6th, 1916, in No 24 General Hospital, at Etaples.

Their Majesties, the King and Queen, sent a letter of sympathy to his parents.

General Hudson, commanding 8th Division, wrote to him, on hearing he was wounded :—

“Just a few lines to say how sorry I am to hear you are wounded and to express my admiration at the gallant conduct of your Battalion in the action of July 1st. It was magnificent and will rank on a level with the finest achievements of the Royal Berkshires—it is hard to say more. Everything that I asked you to do was done, and no man could have done better. The men are cheery and full of spirit, awaiting another chance.”

The Medical Officer who attended him wrote to his mother :—

“Your son was wounded early by a shell. The whole of his heel was blown away, but he kept on for six hours walking on his toes, when he was hit by a bullet just above the knee, the bullet smashing his thigh bone. . . . I think his courage and endurance in ‘carrying on’ for six hours after his left foot was shattered were marvellous. I wish we could have saved his life, but I fear there was not much hope.”



ARTHUR MERVYN HOLDSWORTH

2ND LIEUTENANT A. C. HOLLAND

Bedfordshire Regiment

Church Hill 02⁷-04⁷

Aged 28

July 27th, 1916

YOUNGEST son of Dr. James Frank Holland, H.B. Majesty's Consul for the Engadine, and Resident Physician at St. Moritz, Switzerland, and of his wife, Jeanette Calder Holland.

After leaving School he went to Neuchâtel and then to Merton College, Oxford. B.A. 1910. Oxford University Tennis Team 1910-11, Captain 1911. On coming down from Oxford he entered Messrs. Rothschilds's in New Court.

2nd Lieutenant Holland enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion on the outbreak of the War and was subsequently given a Commission in the Bedfordshire Regiment. He went to France in January, 1916, and served for some months in the 10th Entrenching Battalion, being subsequently attached to the 1st Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment. He was killed by the bursting of a shell on the night of July 27th, 1916, while leading his men in Delville Wood, near Longueval.

Lieut.-Colonel Allason, commanding 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment, wrote:—

“You will by now have heard of your son's death in action on the 27th inst. He is a great loss to the Regiment, always cheery and a great favourite with the men. We all sympathize most deeply with you.”

Lieutenant Ernest Jungius wrote:—

“It grieves me to have to tell you that Archie was killed during an attack on the 27th inst. His last words to his Captain were: ‘Carry on, old man, don't worry about me. I'm all right.’ I and the rest of the Officers cannot express to what extent we feel his loss. The men simply loved him and they expressed this love in the only way they knew and that was during the rest of the fight. It will interest you to know that the Battalion did exceedingly well.”

Lieutenant Francis E. Jones, R.E., 10th Entrenching Battalion, wrote:—

“I know how bitterly you will feel Archie's loss. At the same time you must be proud that he died while so nobly doing his duty. Our Commanding Officer told me, soon after he came to us, how very proud he was to have such a fine Officer in the Battalion. He was greatly liked by both Officers and men, and on works was the most painstaking Officer I have ever had.”



ARCHIBALD CLARE HOLLAND

CAPTAIN R. B. HOLLAND

Royal West Kent Regiment

The Head Master's 04³-08³

Aged 25

October 2nd, 1916

YOUNGEST son of the late William T. Holland and of Mrs. W. T. Holland, of The Gables, Bexley, Kent.

Married, in 1916, Marcia, only daughter of the late W. Saunders, and leaves one son.

Became a Freeman of the City of London in March, 1913, and was admitted a Solicitor in April, 1914.

Captain Holland enlisted on 3rd August, 1914, in the Inns of Court O.T.C., together with his three brothers. Early in the following month he obtained a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal West Kent Regiment, was promoted Lieutenant in November, 1914, and Captain in March, 1915. He went with his Battalion to France in the following July, and there received the command of his Company. He was the Officer in charge of the party of Royal West Kents mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches as having held out for forty-eight hours in Trônes Wood. He was killed in action at Thiepval on October 2nd, 1916.

His Commanding Officer wrote :—

“What can I say? I have lost a dear and treasured friend. The Battalion has lost one of the very best and most valuable Officers it has ever had, or is likely to have, and B Company, believe me, is dazed. Poor old Ralph was just coming out of his dug-out when a shell burst and fractured his spine, and he died within half an hour, without recovering consciousness.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“Few men have accomplished more than he did during the short period he was in the Army; he covered himself with glory, and I can believe that his skill and heroism in the Trônes Wood will go down to history as one of the finest incidents of the War.”

Another wrote :—

“He accomplished much in his short lifetime, and his achievements will live for all time. Many an older man would feel proud to have done a little of what he did.”

Another wrote :—

“I have always felt that, with all his fun and gaiety, he had a vein of deep earnestness. He was brave and true, and would not have wished a different death.”



RALPH BERTRAM HOLLAND

2ND LIEUTENANT J. C. HOW

Royal West Surrey Regiment

Head Master's 12³-15³

Aged 19

April 2nd, 1917

ELDER SON of Charles Walsham How, Solicitor, of 49 Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., and of 20 Montague Road, Richmond, Surrey, and of his wife, Mabel Louisa How.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1916, passing in fourteenth with a Prize Cadetship.

2nd Lieutenant How was gazetted to the Queen's Regiment in August, 1916, joining the Reserve Battalion. He went to France in November, 1916, and joined the 2nd Battalion on the Somme Front. He was instantaneously killed by machine-gun fire, while leading his Platoon into action near Croisilles, on April 2nd, 1917.

His Colonel wrote to his father:—

“We all liked your son so much, and his loss will be very much felt by the Battalion, as he was so very thorough and keen in his work.”

The Chaplain wrote to his father:—

“I knew your son well and liked him very much, as I know his Company Commander did too. The Colonel also thought a lot of him. Quiet and unassuming, he was very conscientious in the performance of his duties.”

A school-fellow wrote from the R.M.A., Woolwich:—

“The ‘Old Bird,’ as he was always known to us at Harrow, was one of my greatest friends. He was always awfully keen to get into Sandhurst and get to business. The indefatigable keenness with which he used to carry out his corps work (even in days when it was not so popular as it is now) used to amaze and almost amuse us. I am sure that no Harrovian was ever more worthy of a soldier's life and a soldier's death than he.”



JOHN CHRISTIAN HOW

2ND LIEUTENANT A. W. ISAAC

Worcestershire Regiment

The Knoll 87²-92⁷

Aged 42

July 7th, 1916

ELDEST son of the late John Swinton Isaac (O.H.) of Boughton Park, Worcester, and of Mrs. Isaac.

Oriel College, Oxford. Partner in the firm of Berwick & Co., and, after their amalgamation with the Capital and Counties Bank, one of the local Directors. Played cricket for Worcestershire for many years and was for a long time Hon. Treasurer of the County Cricket Club, and Captain of the Worcestershire Gentlemen. He was also a member of the Worcestershire Hunt and, a few years ago, wrote a history of the Worcester Old Bank.

Married, in 1899, Lucy, only daughter of the Rev. Foley Vernon, Rector of Shrawley, Worcestershire, and leaves two sons.

2nd Lieutenant Isaac received his Commission in the Worcestershire Regiment in July, 1915, and was bombing Officer to the 5th Battalion. He then went out to the Front and was killed at Contalmaison, on July 7th, 1916.



ARTHUR WHITMORE ISAAC

CAPTAIN G. L. JACKSON

Rifle Brigade

Rendalls 08'-13'

Aged 23

April 9th, 1917

ELDEST son of Colonel Geoffrey M. Jackson (O.H.), late commanding Sherwood Foresters T.F., D.L. and J.P. for Derbyshire, Managing Director of Clay Cross Colliery Company, and of his wife Jessie C. C. Jackson, and nephew of the Right Hon. F. Huth Jackson (O.H.), Governor of the School.

Monitor; Head of his House; Cadet Officer; Prize for English Essay 1913; Cricket XI 1911-12-13, Captain 1913; Ebrington Cup for Fielding 1912-13; Mr. Kemp's Cup for best catch 1913; Football XI 1913; School Racket-player 1912-13, and Winner of the Ebrington Racket.

Balliol College, Oxford, 1913. Twelfth man for the Oxford XI, 1914. Played several times for Derbyshire.

Captain Jackson was given a Commission in the Rifle Brigade on the outbreak of the War and went to France in October, 1914. He was invalided home, after the 2nd Battle of Ypres, suffering from gas poisoning, and served in England for some months with his Reserve Battalion. He returned to France, as Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, in December, 1915, and served continuously till his death. He was mortally wounded on April 9th, 1917, by a piece of shell at the Battle of Arras, after advancing about 6000 yards, and died before reaching the Dressing Station. He was mentioned in Despatches on January 1st, 1916.

The Colonel of the 1st Rifle Brigade wrote to his father :—

“To the Battalion the loss of an Officer like your son is irreparable. He was popular with everyone, a keen and capable Officer, who had the best Company in the Battalion, and a great influence for good with all.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was the keenest soldier I ever met and was awfully pleased when he heard that he was ‘going over’ with his Company on that morning. . . . I want you to realize how magnificent his end was: he died with the Battalion he loved most and had served in longer than anyone else.”

The Colonel of the 5th Rifle Brigade, with whom he trained at Minster, wrote :—

“It always struck me as such a fine testimony to his character that, with all his splendid record at Harrow, he was entirely unspoilt. He was indeed the very *beau ideal* of an English Officer and gentleman.”



GEOFFREY LAIRD JACKSON

LIEUTENANT E. W. R. JACQUES

Northamptonshire Regiment

Rendalls 09¹-13²

Aged 21

August 16th, 1916

ELDEST SON of the late Rev. W. B. Jacques, sometime Vicar of Whittle-le-Woods, Lancashire, and Rector of Burton Latimer, Kettering, and of his wife, Gertrude M. Jacques, of Orlingbury Hall, Wellingborough.

Brasenose College, Oxford, 1913.

Lieutenant Jacques was given a Commission in the 1/4 Northamptonshire Regiment in September, 1914. He resigned this and went to Sandhurst and was gazetted to the 1st Northamptonshire Regiment in May, 1915, in which month he was promoted Lieutenant. He went to the Front in November, 1915. He was killed on August 16th, 1916, while leading his Platoon into action in High Wood, Fourreaux, and was buried at the Extension Cemetery at Bazentin-le-Petit.

His Colonel wrote to his mother:—

“I was personally very fond of your son and feel his loss much. We all sympathize with you in your great loss, for he was much liked by all, Officers and men. The Regiment has lost heavily, but it had done magnificently, and the success was great. Everyone was prouder than ever of his Regiment, which he knew had done successfully all that could be done.”

The Chaplain wrote to his mother:—

“You will have heard by now that your splendid son has been killed. He was such a brave and lovable boy, and we cannot bear to think that we shall see him no more. In the fight before the one in which he met his death they tell me he behaved magnificently, and everyone was full of his praises. It is impossible to believe that such a splendid life is ended.”



EDWARD WILLIAM RIGBY JACQUES

CAPTAIN E. H. C. LE MARCHANT

Hampshire Regiment

The Head Master's 08²-13²

Aged 22

October 29th, 1916

SON of Colonel E. H. Le Marchant, the Hampshire Regiment, and of Mrs. Le Marchant.

Cricket XI, 1913. Football XI, 1912.

On leaving Harrow Captain Le Marchant was intending to go to Sandhurst, but ultimately took a Commission direct in his father's old Regiment. He was wounded at Ypres in October, 1915, and, after a brief spell of leave, again returned to the Front and was gazetted Captain in July, 1916. He died on October 29th, 1916, of wounds received in action six days before. Many messages were received by his mother both from British Tommies and French soldiers, some of these writing with the warmth of personal regard, and others expressing sorrow for the loss of one whom they knew and admired as a soldierly personality.



EDWARD HERBERT CHARLES LE MARCHANT

2ND LIEUTENANT M. T. VAUGHAN LEWES

Welsh Regiment (attached R.F.C.)

The Head Master's 09'-09'

Aged 21

July 22nd, 1916

ONLY child of the late Captain Price Vaughan Lewes, R.N., C.B., D.S.O., who died in command of H.M.S. "Superb" in 1914, and grandson of Colonel J. Lewes, of Llanear, Cardiganshire, well known as the 'Hero of the Redan' or 'Redan' Lewes, and of Mrs. Vaughan Lewes, *née* Tulloch.

Studied at the Royal School of Mines, Camborne, and spent a year in Canada. Had travelled in most parts of the world.

2nd Lieutenant Vaughan Lewes was gazetted to the Welsh Regiment in September, 1914. He went to France in the following May and was immediately attached to the Monmouthshire Regiment. He went through the heavy fighting of the spring of 1915, round Ypres, and was wounded in the engagement at Andverous, but refused to be sent to the base and returned to duty as soon as possible.

After short leave home he became attached to the Royal Flying Corps and was engaged in reconnaissance work. A brilliant pilot, he brought down three enemy planes the week before his death. It was while engaged in a flight over the German lines on July 15th, 1916, that he received the injuries to which he succumbed. He had lost his way in a dense fog and remained for many hours in the air, unable to land for fear of descending in the German lines. When at last he did come down he was severely wounded by shrapnel, and the aeroplane failed to work properly and got out of control. He took the only chance that remained and jumped from the machine, but sustained a shattered leg and internal injuries. He was taken to the hospital, but, after lingering a few days, succumbed on July 22nd, 1916, and was buried in the cemetery at Bailleul.



MARTYN TULLOCH VAUGHAN LEWES

LIEUTENANT G. LAWSON LEWIS

Lancashire Fusiliers

High Street 063-112

Aged 24

July 9th, 1916

ELDEST and only surviving son of Fred Lawson Lewis, Solicitor and Clerk to the Lewes Magistrates, and of his wife, Edith Augusta Lawson Lewis, of Benenden, Eastbourne, and St. Swithun's, Lewes.

Football XI, 1908-10; Captain, 1910. Twelfth man for the Cricket XI, 1910. Won (with T. B. Wilson) the Torpid Fives in 1908 and the Cockhouse Fives in 1910.

Was engaged to Evelyn Colledge, daughter of W. S. Colledge, Eastbourne.

Lieutenant Lawson Lewis went to France in May, 1915, returning home in December of that year with a dislocated shoulder. He returned to France in May, 1916, and was mortally wounded on the 8th July, 1916, in the Battle of the Somme, dying on the following day at Le Tréport, where he is buried.

At the time when Warsaw was evacuated by the Russians he performed a characteristically plucky feat. The Germans serving in the trenches opposite triumphantly erected a small board containing the news "Warsaw capitulated." During the night, at considerable risk, Lieutenant Lawson Lewis crept across the intervening space and secured the board as a trophy of war, much to the disgust of the Germans when they discovered their loss next morning.



GRAHAM LAWSON LEWIS

BRIGADIER-GENERAL W. LONG, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Royal Scots Greys

Moretons 93¹-98²

Aged 37

January 28th, 1917

ELDEST son of the Right Hon. Walter H. Long (O.H.), M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, and of Lady Doreen Long.

Champion Light Weight Boxer, and twice won the Middle-weight boxing Championship of the British Army.

Married, in 1910, the Hon. Sibell Johnstone, eldest daughter of Lord Derwent, and leaves one son.

Brigadier-General Long was gazetted to the Scots Greys in 1890. He served through the South African War and was wounded at Dronberg, after the Relief of Kimberley, having taken part in the famous ride of Sir John French. He was twice mentioned in Despatches and received the D.S.O. Part of the time he served as A.D.C. to General Bruce Hamilton.

He went to France in August, 1914, being then Captain in charge of a Squadron, and was shortly afterwards promoted Major, then Lieut-Colonel Commanding the 6th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, and received the C.M.G. He was several times mentioned in Despatches, and promoted to Brigadier-General Commanding 56th Brigade, 19th Division, and made a Brevet Lieut.-Colonel.

He was killed in action when in the trenches at Hébuterne on January 28th, 1917.

His Majesty the King wrote :—

“The Queen and I are deeply grieved to hear that your son has been killed in action after such a distinguished career, and in the prime of youth. I regret that my Army has lost one of its promising young Generals.”

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught wrote :—

“In Toby the Army and the Scots Greys have lost a splendid Officer, who has always set the finest example and whose name will long be remembered. His has been a glorious death, falling in action in command of his Brigade.”

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig wrote :—

“As the General under whom he was directly serving will have told you, his death deprives the Army of one of our best Brigadiers. As a soldier he was so practical, and thoroughly up to his work. I always felt he was sure to attain high rank, and, as a man, he was loved and admired by us all for his manly straightforward ways.”



WALTER LONG

LIEUTENANT A. V. LOWRY-CORRY, M.C.

Grenadier Guards

Rendalls 09³-13*

Aged 20

September 12th, 1916

ELDEST son of Colonel Noel Lowry-Corry (O.H.), D.S.O., of Rowton Castle, Shrewsbury.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

On leaving Sandhurst Lieutenant Lowry-Corry was given a Commission in the Grenadier Guards, his father's Regiment. In April, 1915, he was sent out to France with the 2nd Battalion, and on May 18th he was awarded the Military Cross, given on the Field. On this occasion his Commanding Officer wrote :—"Armar did very well. His Company suffered heavily, but he never lost his head, and, when his Captain and brother subalterns were knocked out, he took command of the Company and brought them out. He had previously done very good work with patrols and is a very promising Officer."

On August 2nd, 1915, he was wounded by the explosion of a bomb at Givenchy, and for some time it was feared he would lose his sight. However, he recovered and in April, 1916, he returned to France, being for a time at Brigade Headquarters as Lewis Gun Officer and acting Adjutant.

He was killed on September 12th, 1916, by a stray bullet while helping his Captain to settle points for an attack.

The General of the Brigade wrote :—

"You know as well as I what he was to all of us, the best of soldiers, the cheeriest of companions, and a perfect tiger to fight. You can realize how we all miss him."

The Officer commanding the Grenadier Guards wrote :—

"His Company was ordered to do a bombing attack. Armar was at the top of his form, full of go, and went off saying how lucky he was to be 'in it.'"

The Adjutant wrote :—

"He was the bravest boy I ever saw, always ready to take on the most dangerous job, and he generally did it well and always did his best."

His Company Officer wrote :—

"If I may offer to you the sympathy of all the Officers of the Battalion, it cannot lessen the blow, but may help you to bear it. Apart from the loss of a most promising Officer to the Regiment, I am personally sorry to lose a most cheery subaltern with lots of 'devil and go' about him."

He was mentioned in Despatches on January 1st, 1916.



ARMAR VALENTINE LOWRY-CORRY

MAJOR J. B. LYNCH, D.S.O.

12th Cavalry, Indian Army

Home Boarders 97²-00²

Aged 33

March 5th, 1917

ONLY SON of Colonel James Beverley Lynch, late Commandant 12th Cavalry, Indian Army, and of Mrs. Lynch, daughter of General George Williams Bishop, Indian Army.

Major Lynch was gazetted to the 87th, Royal Irish Fusiliers, through the Militia, in 1901, joining his Regiment in South Africa during the War. He received the King's Medal and three clasps. Returning to England on the conclusion of peace he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion, then in India. In 1906 he won the Rackets Championship open to all India. In 1908 he was appointed to the 12th Cavalry Indian Army.

At the beginning of the War he was appointed Assistant Embarcation Officer at Bombay, and in April, 1915, proceeded to Mesopotamia as Staff Captain, being appointed to the 6th Cavalry Brigade. In January, 1917, he became Brigade-Major.

He was mentioned in the Gazette of June 12th, 1917, for distinguished service rendered in connection with the operations at Shaiba in April, 1915. He was with the 6th Cavalry Brigade in the advance on Baghdad in the autumn of 1915, and fought through the battle of Ctesiphon and the subsequent retirement. In connection with this his Brigadier wrote:—"He also carried orders for me on November 22nd and December 1st under heavy fire all day without regard to risk, and exhibited generally coolness and intrepidity. His horse was wounded."

He was again with the 6th Cavalry Brigade as Brigade-Major in the victorious advance on Baghdad in March, 1917. He was killed on the morning of March 5th when he had gone forward with his Brigadier to observe the position of the retreating Turks.

He was given the D.S.O. on January 1st, 1918.

His Brigadier wrote:—

"He was my Brigade-Major, and is a great loss not only to me but also to the whole Brigade. He was regarded by all of us as a fine soldier, and a gallant Officer and gentleman. I trust that it may be some consolation to his family to know how much his loss is felt by the whole Brigade."



JASPER BEVERLEY LYNCH

MAJOR E. L. LYON

18th Hussars

Elmfield 92'-96"

Aged 39

September 17th, 1916

SON of Mrs. Lyon, of 15 Rue Las Casas, Paris.
Football XI, 1895. Trinity College, Cambridge.
He was married, and leaves a widow.

Major Lyon joined the 18th Hussars in 1900, being promoted Captain in 1909. He served in the South African War, and was awarded the Queen's and King's Medals with four clasps. From June, 1907, to March, 1909, he was A.D.C. to the Governor of New Zealand, and in September, 1913, he was appointed Officer of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets at Sandhurst.

On the outbreak of the War he was attached to the Somerset Light Infantry and died of wounds received in action, on September 17th, 1916.



EDWARD LYCETT LYON

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. H. MACGEORGE

Late 6th Dragoon Guards

High Street 64²-66³

Aged 65

December 16th, 1916

ELDEST SON of Colonel William MacGeorge, of 18 Cleveland Square, W., and of his wife, Dorothy Fagan MacGeorge, *née* Steel.

Married, in 1893, Hannah Mary Hainsworth, and leaves a daughter.

Lieut.-Colonel MacGeorge joined the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabineers) in 1870, and was Lieut.-Colonel Commanding from 1891 to 1895, when he retired. During the War he was in command of the Military Guard, Alexandra Palace.

He died of double pneumonia on December 16th, 1916, at Alexandra Palace.



WILLIAM HENRY MACGEORGE

LANCE-CORPORAL A. R. MARGESSON

Manchester Regiment

Small Houses 93'-963

Aged 38

January 11th, 1917

FIFTH son of Lieut.-Colonel William George Margesson, 56th and 80th Regiments, of Findon Place, Worthing, and of his wife Lucy Matilda, daughter of Edward B. Beaumont, of Woodhall, Yorkshire.

Went to Downton Agricultural College and then to Canada, where, with his Harrow friend, Captain G. Watson, he settled at Highland Ranch, Cariboo Road, B.C., moving on subsequently to Westholme Mains, Vancouver Island.

Lance-Corporal Margesson returned home to enlist in January, 1916, and joined the Manchester Regiment. He sailed with a draft for Salonika in November, 1916, but was taken ill on landing and invalided home. He died on board the Hospital Ship "Lanfranc" on January 11th, 1917, and was buried at sea off Cadiz.



ANTHONY ROBERT MARGESSON

2ND LIEUTENANT G. F. MARSDEN-SMEDLEY

Rifle Brigade

The Park 11³-15⁷

Aged 19

August 18th, 1916

SECOND son of J. B. Marsden-Smedley, of Lea Green, Matlock, and of Mrs. Marsden-Smedley.

Monitor. Cricket XI 1914-15, Captain 1915. Football XI 1913-14, Captain 1914. Association Football XI 1914-15, Captain 1915.

Matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

2nd Lieutenant Marsden-Smedley was given a Commission in the Rifle Brigade in August, 1915, and, after ten months' training at Minster, went to the Front in July, 1916, just before his 19th birthday, straight into the Battle of the Somme. On August 18th, 1916, he led his Platoon in the attack on Guillemont Station. After being shelled all day they went over the parapet in the afternoon, and singlehanded he charged a machine gun which was holding up the Company. After shooting one of the men he was shot by the German Officer and fell on the parapet of the German trench.

His Colonel wrote to his father:—

“His Company Commander spoke to me after his death of the gallant way in which your son behaved. Had he lived I should have recommended him for a reward. He had not been with me very long, but, during the short time he was here, he had proved himself of the greatest value as an Officer. Everyone liked him, and I cannot tell you what a gap he leaves.”

His Colonel in England wrote to his father:—

“Your son was exactly the type of lad who makes the best Officer—a splendid Harrow record behind him, and accustomed to lead—he knew how to take command, and was the sort of Officer whom men will follow anywhere.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“It is an awful grief to me: he had become one of my greatest friends and I was devoted to him. He was the most unselfish and unassuming fellow I have ever met. I saw him just a little while before they went into action, he was so cheerful and well.”

One who knew him at Harrow wrote:—

“He was an ideal fellow-worker. I can honestly say that thanks to his unerring judgment and foresight my work at Harrow was made a thousand times easier. As a leader at Harrow he was without equal, and as a soldier he was without doubt even better, if possible.”



GEORGE FUTVOYE MARSDEN-SMEDLEY

PRIVATE F. S. MAY

Royal Fusiliers

Church Hill 91^a-95^a

Aged 39

August 3rd, 1916

SECOND son of the late P. W. May and of Mrs. May, of St. Margaret's, Hampstead Heath.

St. John's College, Cambridge, B.A. 1898. Was in business as a Shipper.

In August, 1914, at the beginning of the War, Private May offered his services, but was refused on medical grounds. In March, 1916, he was accepted and enlisted in the 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. He went to France in the following July and was reported 'missing' on the 3rd August, 1916, since when nothing has been heard of him and his death has been presumed on that date.



FREDERICK STURDY MAY

CAPTAIN G. M. MAYER

London Regiment

The Knoll 06³-11⁴

Aged 24

February 16th, 1917

ELDEST SON of Max Mayer, of 20 Bolton Gardens, S.W., and of Mrs. Mayer.

Monitor, 1910.

Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1911, B.A. 1914.

Captain Mayer obtained a Commission in the London Regiment on the outbreak of the War and went to the Front with his Battalion in March, 1915. From the time they went to France until the end of 1916 he was Adjutant of his Regiment and after that commanded a Company. He was mentioned in Despatches on January 1st, 1917, and on that very day he was severely wounded. He died in hospital at Etaples, after great suffering, on February 16th, 1917.



GERALD MAX MAYER

2ND LIEUTENANT H. F. MILES

King's Own Scottish Borderers

The Grove OS²-12²

Aged 22

September 3rd, 1916

YOUNGEST son of George H. Miles (O.H.), of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and of his wife, Ethel Miles.

Brasenose College, Oxford, 1913.

2nd Lieutenant Miles, who was still at Oxford when the War broke out, immediately enlisted in the Artists Rifles. He served with them in France from October, 1914, to May, 1915, when he was given a Commission in the King's Own Scottish Borderers. In June, 1915, he was wounded at Ypres, but rejoined his Battalion in the following March. He was killed in action while in command of his Company on Falfemont Farm, in the Battle of the Somme, on September 3rd, 1916.



HERBERT FRANCIS MILES

LANCE-CORPORAL H. C. NICHOLAS

3rd Australian Imperial Light Horse

The Knoll 95³-99³

Aged 34

August 4th, 1916

ELDEST SON of George Clarence Nicholas, of Cawood, Ouse, Tasmania, and of his wife, Minnie Nicholas.

Trinity College, Cambridge. B.A. 1904.

On coming down from Cambridge Lance-Corporal Nicholas returned to Tasmania and devoted himself to country life, taking a keen interest in the management of his property and in local affairs. He became a Councillor of the Hamilton Municipality and a J.P. for the district. He was also a member of the Southern Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

Lance-Corporal Nicholas was one of the first to volunteer when the War broke out and left Tasmania on October 21st, 1914. He served in Egypt and then Gallipoli, returning to Egypt after the evacuation. He was instantaneously killed by a bullet on August 4th, 1916, at the battle of El Romani, while holding Meredith's Ridge against immensely superior forces of Turks. He was buried where he fell. Shortly after his return to Egypt from Gallipoli he was given a Commission in the 12th Lancers (his brother's Regiment). The papers containing his discharge from his Troop went astray for a time, but came to hand just before the threatened raid by the Turks on the Suez Canal. He decided, however, to remain on with his old companions until the danger was over, and it was in the action which immediately followed that he was killed.

A Trooper in the 3rd Light Horse wrote:—

“As a soldier he was the coolest and most cheerful that it has been my lot to meet. He was always well to the front when anything was doing, and no soldier ever fought better. . . . No one could imagine a mean thought or action coming from him. He never spoke unkindly of anyone.”

Another wrote:—

“Heavy fighting commenced at about 12.30, and from then on things were pretty warm. We were sent to occupy a high sand ridge, and it was there we lost Henric. . . . It was as fine a stand as was ever made by British troops. Not a man retired until the last moment, when it was almost too late. At the lowest estimate we were attacked by fifteen to one, and in the seven or eight hours following the attack we only lost a few hundred yards of ground.”



HENRIC CLARENCE NICHOLAS

2ND LIEUTENANT R. B. NIVISON

King's Royal Rifle Corps

Druries 09³-13*

Aged 21

September 15th, 1916

YOUNGEST SON of Sir Robert Nivison, Bart., of Branch Hill Lodge, Hampstead, N.W., and of Lady Nivison.

2nd Lieutenant Nivison joined the Artists Rifles in September, 1915, and received a Commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in May, 1916.

He went to France in July, 1916, and was killed on September 15th, 1916, whilst leading his men in an attack on Flers.

His Company Commander wrote to his father :—

“I was in command of A Company soon after your son came out to France, and he and I were thrown much together. I came to have a very great regard for him and found I could rely on him, and he was a long way the best subaltern I had. Believe me—he made good.

“On the 15th September, after I was wounded, your boy was left in command of the Company, and when I saw him last he was going ahead quite quietly, leading his men admirably by his example.”

His Platoon Sergeant wrote :—

“We started the attack about six o'clock on the morning of 15th September. We lost our Captain before we had gone two hundred yards, but we pushed on under your son, who took command of the Company. After taking the first line we pushed on to the second, but the barrage had not lifted, and some of our men, thinking that it was the enemy's artillery, rushed through it. Lieutenant Nivison, seeing the mistake, also rushed through the barrage and succeeded in getting the men back again with a few casualties, which was a very daring piece of work and deserved great credit, and every man realized what he had been saved from. As soon as the barrage lifted, your son jumped up and waved his men on, and everyone answered the call. As we were taking the second line he fell. During the advance he proved himself a brave man and a grand leader.”

Another Sergeant wrote :—

“He was loved by every N.C.O. and man in our Company.”



ROBERT BUTLER NIVISON

CAPTAIN L. NORMAN, M.C.

Scots Guards

The Park 91¹-96²

Aged 35

September 15th, 1916

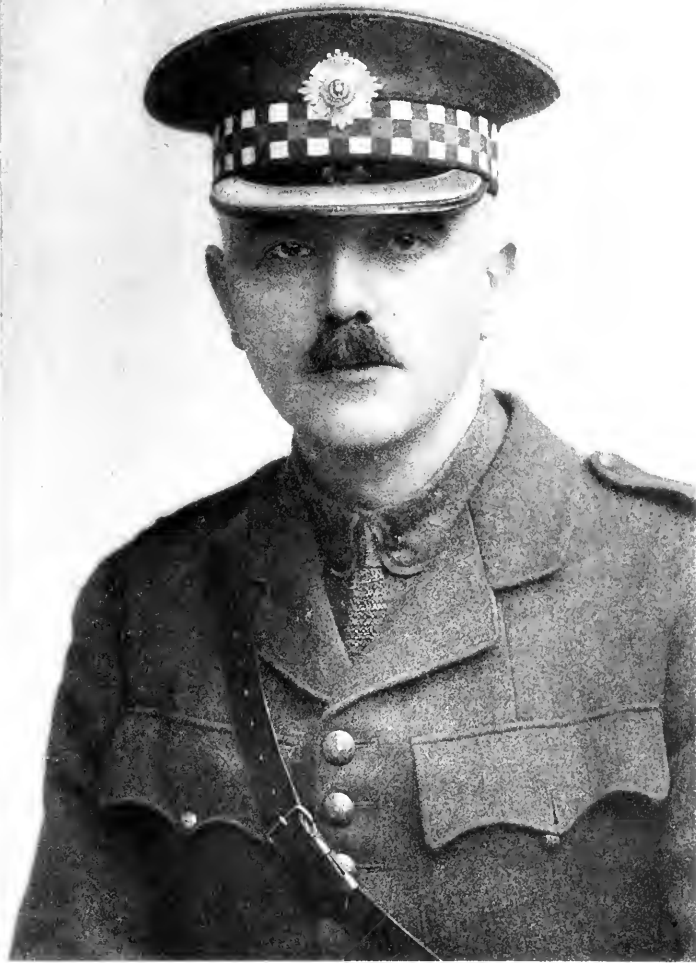
SIXTH son of the late Henry John Norman, of 21 Cadogan Square, S.W., and Gadsden, Hayes, Kent, Director of the London and Westminster Bank, and of Mrs. Henry J. Norman, of 55 Eccleston Square, S.W.

Monitor, 1895.

Went to the School of Mines in South Kensington, and then as Mining Engineer to Johannesburg, where he later became a Stockbroker. Returned to England in 1905, and became a member of the London Stock Exchange.

Married, in 1905, Violet May, youngest daughter of the late Wilfred Bevan, and leaves two sons.

Captain Norman was given a Commission in the Scots Guards and went to the Front in February, 1915. He came home in the following July to have an operation on his knee, and, after doing light duty at Wellington Barracks, returned to the Front in December, 1915. He was killed in action on September 15th, 1916, as he led his Company into action, between Flers and Ginchy. He was awarded the Military Cross.



LIONEL NORMAN

MAJOR G. B. OLIVER

Royal Field Artillery

Druries 95⁷-98²

Aged 35

September 29th, 1916

ONLY son of the late Edward E. Oliver, Secretary P.W.D. Indian Government, and of Mrs. Oliver.

Married, in 1914, Doris, eldest daughter of Sir George and Lady Hutchinson, and leaves one son.

Major Oliver received his Commission in the Royal Field Artillery in 1901, and served for three years in Ashanti and Northern Nigeria. In 1910 he went to Japan, qualifying with distinction as Army Interpreter in Japanese.

As Captain of the 116th Battery R.F.A. with the First Guards Brigade he went to France early in August, 1914, and fought through the Retreat from Mons, and the Battles of the Marne, the Aisne, Ypres, and Neuve Chapelle.

Lord Ernest Hamilton in his book, "The First Seven Divisions," referring to the action of September 14th, 1914, says :—

"It may be fairly said that the British victory at Troyon was one of the most brilliant achievements of the War. . . . Much of the success of the day was due to the gallant behaviour of the 116th Battery, when the command devolved on Captain Oliver, who took the Battery into action."

In May, 1915, when promoted Major, he returned to England owing to ill-health. He went back to the Front in May, 1916, in command of the 189th Howitzer Battery, which he had been employed in training. His Battery saw much service, being the forward guns in the advance on Delville Wood, in the Battle of the Somme. Major Oliver was killed by a shell on September 29th, 1916, when walking back to his Battery after reconnoitring.

His General wrote :—

"I deeply regret his loss. He was a most gallant and courteous gentleman, and a very able soldier."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"The whole Battery is broken-hearted. There was not another B.C. in the Division really cared for so much. Everyone loved him, and he always had a good word for everyone. He had a personal charm that appealed to all. Any one man of us would have given ourselves to have saved him ; he was just splendid in all that he did, and a soldier from head to foot."

He was mentioned in Despatches on February 28th, 1918, "for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty."



GUY BERTRAM OLIVER

LIEUTENANT C. D. MOON ORD

Durham Light Infantry

West Acre 99²-03¹

Aged 31

December 2nd, 1916

THIRD son of Henry Moon Ord and of his wife, Evelyn Rosa Ord.
Gymnasium Champion 1903. Was farming.

Lieutenant Moon Ord, who had been given a Commission in the Durham Light Infantry, went to the Front in 1916. He was wounded at Martinpuich, on October 10th, 1916, and died of pneumonia in hospital at Sunderland, on December 2nd, 1916.



CHARLES DENTON MOON ORD

MAJOR A. LL. PALMER

Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry

Moretons 96²-02²

Aged 34

November 15th, 1916

ELDEST SON of Colonel George Llewellen Palmer (O.H.), Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, and Unionist candidate for the West Wilts Division, of Lackham, Lacock, Wilts, and of Mrs. Palmer.

Major Palmer received his Commission in the 14th (King's Own) Hussars in May, 1901. He served in the South African War in 1902 (King's Medal, two clasps). After the declaration of peace his Regiment was sent to India and from there he was invalided home, and returned, in 1907, with the rank of Captain. In the following year he was gazetted to the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry. In 1910-11 he was A.D.C. to the Hon. Sir Arthur Lawley, Governor of Bombay, and on his return to England acted as joint Master of the Cattistock Hounds. He was much interested in various agricultural societies in Wiltshire and was always a keen follower of hounds. While at Ootacamund with Sir Arthur Lawley he acted as Master of the Ootacamund Hounds.

In the early part of the War he served with his Regiment at important stations on the East Coast. He went to France with the Yeomanry in December, 1915, and died in hospital at Amiens, on November 15th, 1916, from peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis. During the months he was in France he saw much heavy fighting.



ALLEN LLEWELLEN PALMER

LIEUTENANT C. T. PONSONBY

King's Royal Rifle Corps

Church Hill 083-127

Aged 21

August 24th, 1916

ELDEST SON of the Hon. Cyril Ponsonby (O.H.), of 53 Draycott Place, S.W., and of Mrs. Ponsonby.

Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1912.

Lieutenant Ponsonby left Cambridge, where he had been for two years in residence, on the outbreak of the War, and was given a Commission in the 11th King's Royal Rifles. He went to the Front in August, 1915, where he remained for a year. He was killed by a shell at Guillemont on August 24th, 1916.

Colonel Hope, commanding the 11th K.R.R.C., wrote to his father:—

“We were having an appalling time, and your son was doing splendidly. The Germans attacked us two days running with a very heavy bombardment. His Company got a very bad time indeed, and a shell burst extremely close to him, and he was very badly hit in the shoulder and died within a quarter of an hour. He was getting on splendidly and was the greatest help to me, and I had hoped he would soon be a Captain. He was most conscientious, and I could always rely on him. He did his duty bravely.

“He took great interest in his men and went through some very trying times at Ypres with them. I always placed great reliance on him, and, if he had been spared, I am sure he would have done well.”

Captain Marriott wrote to his father:—

“I was your son's Company Commander until I was hit in June. We went through some very trying experiences together, and always he was simply splendid, and an Officer one could implicitly rely on to carry out an order, no matter what it cost him to do so. On several occasions he did extremely well under very difficult conditions.”



CYRIL THOMAS PONSONBY

2ND LIEUTENANT N. RAMSAY

Rifle Brigade

The Knoll 84'-88"

Aged 47

September 3rd, 1916

YOUNGEST son of Robert Ramsay, of Howletts, Kent, and of Susan daughter of W. F. Lindsay Carnegie, of Kinblethmont, Forfarshire.

Cricket XI, 1887-8. Football XI, 1886-7.

Sheepfarming in Queensland, Australia.

2nd Lieutenant Ramsay, who was in England when the War broke out, joined the Sportsman's Battalion as a Private at the age of 45, in October, 1914, and a year later was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade. He went to the Front in March, 1916, and saw much fighting. The night before he was killed he wrote to his brother: "We are a very dwindled lot now, and where so many good men have been 'outed,' I'm not complaining if things go wrong." He was killed in action at Thiepval, on September 3rd, 1916.

His Colonel wrote:—

"You must know that no one could possibly have met and known Norman without loving him. I did, and so did all his brother-officers. He was so cheery, and good at overcoming difficulties, and as gallant a gentleman as God ever made. I knew he was much over military age and was giving up more than most of us in worldly possessions, but he saw his duty, and, being fit and strong, went straight along the path."

A gunner wrote:—

"His Regiment was to lead the charge on to the lines of Hun trenches near Thiepval. . . . The Huns put up a terrific barrage, and the machine gun and rifle fire were almost past belief. Ramsay charged across No Man's Land with no hat or coat on, at the head of his Platoon, with fixed sword-bayonet in his hand, and with about half his men left. He reached and took part of the Hun second lines, where he proceeded to barricade the trench and hold out, collecting men here and there who were without leaders. Not satisfied with his defences, he crawled out to see from the Hun side if there were any flaws in his small redoubt. A Hun saw him and threw a percussion bomb which struck him on the head, killing him instantaneously."



NORMAN RAMSAY

CAPTAIN C. S. RATTIGAN

Royal Fusiliers

West Acre 983-047

Aged 32

November 13th, 1916

YOUNGEST SON of the late Sir William Henry Rattigan, K.C., LL.D., M.P. for Lanarkshire, and of Lady Rattigan.

Monitor 1904; Cricket XI 1903-4. Won the 200 yards in the School Sports three times, the 100 twice, and the quarter mile once, and was runner-up for the School Rackets for two years in succession.

Trinity College, Cambridge. Was a well-known member of the Butterflies, and a keen golfer.

In 1909 he was appointed Honorary Attaché in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service, and the same year accompanied the mission under Sir Reginald Lister to Fez.

Captain Rattigan was on the Staff of the Garrison Commander at Falmouth from September, 1914, for more than a year, but preferring to be with his Battalion he resigned his appointment, and though offered another good Staff billet he refused it, writing that he "could not leave his Regiment and the men he loved, all of whom are such fine fellows." He went to the Front in July, 1916, and was killed by a sniper on the 13th of the following November.

Lieut. Downing, 7th Royal Fusiliers, wrote to his brother :—

"Your brother was slightly wounded in the mouth sometime before he was killed, but the bullet only cut his lip and he refused to go away. When he discovered that the Company was held up, he decided to remain where we were, namely in a shell-hole in 'No Man's Land,' until receiving orders. He and I lay in a shell-hole about 30 yards from the Hun for about five hours, until we discovered a mine-shaft running back to our own front line. It was very difficult to move as there was a sniper within a few yards, and when we did look up I got a bullet through the hat, so your brother decided to lie low for a bit, and then make a rush for the shaft. When he was just going to make a rush, he saw a wounded man a few yards away and he said, 'I am going to have a shot at getting him in.' He sat bolt upright in the shell-hole and was looking towards the man, when the same sniper hit him in the head through his hat. . . . He was buried two days afterwards in the same shell-hole he was killed in. . . . By his death I lost one of the finest friends I ever had."



CYRIL STANLEY RATTIGAN

LIEUTENANT J. K. GRANT ROBERTSON

Royal Flying Corps

High Street 10²-10²

Aged 21

January 1st, 1917

ELDER son of John Herbert Robertson, late I.C.S., and of his wife, Helen Rowena Robertson, of Linden House, Tonbridge, Kent.

After one term at Harrow he went to Geneva, and then to Edinburgh University, to study medicine. He left to take up a business career in the firm of Messrs. Robert Ingham Clark and Co., Westham Abbey, Stratford.

Lieutenant Grant Robertson enlisted in the R.A.M.C. at the beginning of the War and then obtained a Commission in the Army Service Corps. He went to the Front in August, 1915, and was invalided home in the following March. He then joined the Royal Flying Corps as a pilot and went to France in October, 1916. He was attached to the 51st Squadron, where he was engaged mostly on artillery duty. On January 1st, 1917, near Albert, he was flying an R.E. 8 machine with an Observer, on artillery duty over the German lines, when his machine was seen to fall in flames, both Officers being instantaneously killed. He was buried at Heilly, on the Ancre, in the French Military cemetery.

His Flight Commander wrote :—

“I can only assure you of the grief felt by both Officers and men of his Squadron at the death of two of the keenest and most efficient Officers we had.” (Lieutenant Grant Robertson and his Observer.)



JOHN KEITH GRANT ROBERTSON

CAPTAIN A. M. M. ROBERTSON-WALKER

Royal Fusiliers

Moretons 94³-99⁷

Aged 35

July 7th, 1916

SECOND son of James Robertson-Walker, J.P., of Gilgarran, Distington, Cumberland, and of Emily, daughter of J. H. Austin, of Kingswood, Shortlands, Kent.

University College, Oxford. Member of the London Stock Exchange. An excellent cricketer, and well-known golfer, especially at Sandwich.

Married, in 1908, Madge, younger daughter of Alexander McIver, of Hong Kong, and Richmond, Surrey.

Captain Robertson-Walker joined the 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers in December, 1914, became Adjutant of his Regiment in July, 1915, and was promoted Captain in April, 1916. He went to the Front in May, 1915. He was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches in 1916, and recommended for promotion. He was killed on July 7th, 1916, while leading with his Colonel an attack on the German trenches at Owillers. The Battalion was caught by enfilading machine-gun fire, and both he and the Colonel fell, being killed instantaneously. The Battalion reached their objective, and, though there were only 70 of them left, they returned with over 80 prisoners.

A brother-officer wrote:—

“I knew Bobby—as we always used to call him—from the time he joined the Regiment; he was in my Platoon throughout, until he became Adjutant. He joined knowing nothing of soldiering, but soon became *au fait* with things through sheer hard work. I cannot help realizing what a vast loss the Regiment has suffered in his death. Thanks to such as Bobby the Battalion became not only by far the best in the Division, but earned for itself a name outside, of which any Fusilier might be proud. Personally I have lost a very great friend and a magnificent companion, but apart from any personal feelings the Regiment has lost a gallant soldier.”

Another brother-officer wrote:—

“He is a great loss in every way; loved by all; the life and soul of the place, and brave to the end.”



ARTHUR MURDO MAXWELL ROBERTSON-WALKER

2ND LIEUTENANT H. E. ST. GEORGE

King's Liverpool Regiment

Rendalls 99²-04⁷

Aged 31

August 13th, 1916

YOUNGER son of George Theodore St. George, Senior Partner in the Firm of Blessig, Braun & Co., Merchants, Liverpool, and of his wife, Sophia Julia St. George, of Stone House, Allerton, Liverpool.

Spent two years in France and Germany and then entered his father's business.

2nd Lieutenant St. George joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. in April, 1915, and was given a Commission in the 10th Suffolks in the following July. Finding that he had no immediate prospect of going to the Front, he transferred to the King's Liverpool Regiment and went to France in May, 1916. His Company, in support of the South Lancashires, attacked the enemy lines before Guillemont on August 13th, 1916. The attack failed and he was last seen on the parapet of the third German trench, covering an enemy with his revolver. His men saw him fall before they retired. His body was not found when the position was taken two days later, but he has since been reported as killed on that day.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“Though obviously not strong, he did his work with such cheerfulness, that he kept us all in good spirits through trying and exhausting conditions.”

Another brother-officer wrote :—

“He did excellent work under fearful conditions.”

One of his men who was wounded in the same engagement, wrote :—

“I cannot attempt to tell you how brave he was, and how pleasant are our memories of him. He was a gentleman to the last letter.”

In a letter he left to be posted in case he fell in action he wrote :—“I am not sorry I came out here, as it is obviously the duty of every man to do what he can to shorten the War, so that the next generation may not have to undergo what our men have been through. I am glad to have known the British Tommy and his wonderful fighting qualities. At present the men are laughing and scrapping together, just as if they were not going up into the line to-night.”



HAROLD EDGAR ST. GEORGE

LIEUTENANT M. J. SHAW

Royal Fusiliers

Rendalls 96²-98³

Aged 34

September 15th, 1916

THIRD SON of the late Michael Schwabacher, Stock Broker, and of Fredericka Schwabacher.

He changed his name to Shaw, and Harrovians will know him better by this name.

Studied mining engineering at Freiburg in Saxony, taking 1st Class Honours, and then took a post in Mexico. This he was obliged to give up owing to ill-health, and returning to England went on the London Stock Exchange.

Married, in 1911, Amy Regina Politzer, and leaves two sons.

In September, 1914, Lieutenant Shaw joined the Old Boys Corps, and received a Commission in the Royal Fusiliers the following January. He went to the Front in May, 1916. He was killed in action at Gueudecourt on September 15th, 1916. Not long before his death he had been recommended for honours for saving the lives of wounded men in No Man's Land, and he had sent home to his wife a card which he had received from the Divisional General, placing on record his appreciation of his gallant conduct and services on that occasion.

His Colonel wrote to his widow:—

“I send you the account of your brave husband's death, just handed me by an Officer who was with him at the time. He fought, as a gentleman would, with great gallantry.”

From the O.C. of the Battalion to which he was attached to his own Colonel:—

“I wish to bring to your notice the gallantry of Lieut. Shaw of your Unit, who was killed in action on the morning of the 15th inst. Captain H. A. Robinson, who was himself wounded, reports that he observed him fighting very bravely, and gallantly leading his men before he was killed. Will you assure his relatives that this Officer died in a very gallant manner?”

His Captain wrote:—

“It is difficult as yet to get at all the facts of the case, but so far as I can gather from various people, he, being with another Officer and a handful of men, captured four German Field Guns, a most daring and splendid thing to do. . . . But this is only one of the many plucky things he did, and he was beloved and admired by all the men, and his loss is regretted by all who came in contact with him.”



MAX JOSEPH SHAW

CAPTAIN S. J. SNOWDEN

Middlesex Regiment

Moretons 06'-09³

Aged 25

March 26th, 1917

FOURTH SON of the late J. Snowden and of Mrs. Snowden, of The Chantry, Stanmore, Middlesex.

Trained at Faraday House in Electrical Engineering, and received an appointment on the L. and N.W. Railway.

His younger brother, Lieutenant H. J. Snowden (O.H.), was killed in action on August 11th, 1917.

Captain Snowden joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. on the outbreak of the War, and received a Commission in the Middlesex Regiment in October, 1914. He was sent to Gallipoli in July, 1915, and was wounded at Suvla Bay the following month. He was invalided home, but re-joined his Regiment in Egypt in February, 1916. While leading his men into action in the Battle of Gaza on March 26th, 1917, he was wounded, and, while being carried back to the Clearing Station, was killed by the bursting of a shell.

His Colonel wrote:—

“It is a loss to the Battalion and to myself and all the Officers, and more especially to his Company, by whom he was admired and respected. He was a most keen and capable Officer, and I had already sent his name forward, in September last year, for special mention in Despatches. He was devoted to his work, and only lately attended a course of instruction from which he came with very high recommendations. All I can say is that the Army has lost a very valuable Officer.”

His Major wrote:—

“He received his wound when firing his machine gun at Germans on the ground, when he was supporting our infantry in the attack. . . . Although he had only been with us so short a time, he was doing awfully well and was such an excellent fellow.”



STANLEY JACKSON SNOWDEN

2ND LIEUTENANT G. E. THOMPSON

Liverpool Regiment

The Knoll 10²-14²

Aged 20

September 3rd, 1916

ELDER son of George Henderson Thompson (O.H.), Solicitor, and of his wife, Gertrude Fannie Thompson, of 6 Lord Street, Liverpool.

Cricket XI, 1913. Played in the Association Football XI against Winchester, 1913.

On the staff of Messrs. Milligan and Mackintosh, Cotton Merchants, Liverpool.

2nd Lieutenant Thompson enlisted as a Private in Kitchener's Army at the beginning of the War, in August, 1914, and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Liverpool Regiment in December, 1915. He went to the Front in July, 1916, and had been seven weeks in France, when he fought in the Battle of the Somme. He was killed on September 3rd, after the capture of Guillemont, whilst leading his Platoon into action at Waterlot Farm, between Guillemont and Ginchy.

The Colonel of the 21st Liverpools wrote to his father :—

“Your son was such an excellent Officer, and I expected to hear great things of him. Unhappily it was not to be, and he has laid down his life for his country, as so many have done in this terrible War.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“I knew him better than most people and shall miss him more than anyone in the Battalion. It is certain that no one went into that attack with more coolness and pluck. I know this, that before I left for H.Q., we had a long talk together, and it quite braced me up, for we knew at that time that we were going over the top. I know how much you will miss him, but he died a soldier's death and played ‘cricket’ to the end.”

Another brother-officer wrote :—

“Someone who was there said that Eric was most splendidly calm and collected, which is another instance of the people who can control their nerves at games doing conspicuously well at this game.”

Another wrote :—

“I should like you to know how extremely well-liked Eric was by everyone with whom he came in contact. He was a great favourite both in the ranks and as an Officer.”



GEORGE ERIC THOMPSON

CAPTAIN C. R. TIDSWELL

1st Royal Dragoons (attached R.F.C.)

The Head Master's 94³-98³

Aged 35

October 16th, 1916

ONLY son of Richard H. Tidswell, of 49 Wilton Crescent, S.W., and Bosmere Hall, Needham Market, Suffolk, and of Mrs. Tidswell.

Captain Tidswell was gazetted to the 7th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1900, and in August of the following year joined the 1st Royal Dragoons. He served with his Regiment in the South African War in 1901-2, receiving the King's medal and five clasps. He was promoted Captain in 1910.

He went out to France with his Regiment in October, 1914, and was present at the First and Second battles of Ypres. In the autumn of 1915 he joined the Royal Flying Corps as Observer, and obtained his Pilot's Certificate in the spring of 1916, being appointed Flight Commander in the June of that year. He went out to France with his Squadron the following month, and was killed on October 16th, 1916, while flying over the German lines, in the neighbourhood of Bapaume.



CECIL ROBERT TIDSWELL

2ND LIEUTENANT W. B. TODD-NAYLOR

King's Royal Rifle Corps

Rendalls 07^s-12^s

Aged 22

August 24th, 1916

ONLY son of the late H. P. Todd-Naylor, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., and of Mrs. Todd-Naylor, of Walton Court, Cheltenham.

University College, Oxford. Rowed in the University College Boat which went Head of the River in 1914.

On the outbreak of the War 2nd Lieutenant Todd-Naylor was given a Commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and was attached to one of the newly raised Battalions. He went to France with his Battalion in the spring of 1915, and was attached to the 41st Infantry Brigade. In July, 1915, he was wounded at Ypres by a bullet through the shoulder. He was then invalided home, and after a period of light duty in England he returned to the Front. He was killed instantaneously by a bullet from a machine gun on August 24th, 1916, while leading the first wave of his Company in an attack on the enemy's trenches. His body was brought back from the line, and his funeral was attended by almost the whole of his Company, who had the greatest admiration for him.



WILLIAM BRYAN TODD-NAYLOR

LIEUTENANT R. F. C. TOMPSON

Grenadier Guards

The Head Master's 97³-02²

Aged 32

September 11th, 1916

ONLY son of the late Edward Carrier Smith Tompson (O.H.), of Round Coppice, Iver Heath, Bucks, and of his wife, Frances Rosa Tompson.

Trinity College, Oxford.

Went to British East Africa, where he took up farming.

Lieutenant Tompson returned home from East Africa on the declaration of War and received a Commission in the Grenadier Guards. He left for France on December 31st, 1915, and was instantaneously killed on September 11th, 1916, in the Battle of the Somme, by the bursting of a shell in the trench which his Battalion were holding.

He was promoted Lieutenant in the Gazette of November 11th, 1916, dating back to January 26th, 1916, and so never received the news of it.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was without doubt the most popular member of our Company. With his men he was just the same, and there was not one who would not have done anything he asked him.”



RONALD FAWCETT CARRIER TOMPSON

MAJOR A. A. TORRENS

Royal Field Artillery

The Head Master's 88'-92'

Aged 42

December 8th, 1916

SON of the late Captain A. Torrens (O.H.), and of Mrs. Torrens of The Grove, Hayes, Kent.

Cricket XI, 1892. Member of the M.C.C. team in New Zealand, 1906-7.

On the outbreak of the War Major Torrens joined the Public Schools Battalion and then obtained a Commission in the Royal Field Artillery. He left for the Front in command of his Battery in May, 1916, and was killed on December 8th, 1916, by a shell, while running across the open in order to move his men to safety.

Brigadier-General R. C. Coates wrote :—

“I and the whole of the Artillery of the Division much feel his loss. He was an exceptionally popular Officer, both with his brother-officers and also with his men. He was a keen soldier.”

Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Roebel, commanding 307th Brigade R.F.A., wrote :—

“He met his death like a soldier. He was an excellent Officer and very popular in the Brigade. We all deplore his loss.”

The following was written by a well-known man who prefers to sign himself ‘a Chaplain’ :—

“Not a soldier by profession, or perhaps by inclination, he made himself into a most efficient Officer. He had a real genius for friendship, and his knowledge of and care for the Officers and men of his Battery were quite out of the common. I was closely and constantly associated with him for many weeks during the period of training, and I can say without exaggeration that his influence was immense, and that it was always exerted for good.”



ATTWOOD ALFRED TORRENS

2ND LIEUTENANT T. V. TYRWHITT-DRAKE

Rifle Brigade

The Head Master's 11²-15³

Aged 19

January 29th, 1917

ELDEST SON of Arthur Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Aldon, Yeovil, late of Holnest Park, Sherborne, and of Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

2nd Lieutenant Tyrwhitt-Drake was given a Commission in the Rifle Brigade in November, 1915, and went to the Front in July, 1916. He was killed on January 29th, 1917, by the bursting of a shell at his feet, death being instantaneous. He was commanding a Company during the absence of its regular commander and had just left Battalion Headquarters to see about sending a Lewis Gun team to the front line, when he met his death.

His Commanding Officer wrote:—

“He was just the type of Officer and gentleman that one wants to have in one's Battalion, and whose loss can never be replaced. Although by no means a genius he was a thorough sportsman, keen on his work, popular with everyone, and always ready for a bit of excitement. He had a very charming personality and with a little more experience would have made a first-class Officer. I can't tell you how much we all miss him.”

His Adjutant wrote:—

“He was loved by all for his fearlessness and for his sympathy for those under him.”

A brother-officer described him as “doing splendidly,” and “as being largely instrumental in driving back the attack from his sector, by keeping up a barrage of bombs which he hurled without ceasing, while men on each side kept him supplied.”



THOMAS VICTOR TYRWHITT-DRAKE

MAJOR G. B. TYSER

East Lancashire Regiment

Rendalls 91'-95'

Aged 39

July 5th, 1916

YOUNGEST son of George W. Tyser, Shipowner, of Oakfield, Mortimer, Berkshire, and of Mrs. Tyser.

Married, in 1903, Lucy Norah Cornish.

Major Tyser, who was in business when the South African War broke out, immediately volunteered for service and joined Paget's Horse, eventually becoming Lance Bearer to Lord Methuen ; he received the Queen's Medal and five clasps. He then became a member of the London Stock Exchange, but on the outbreak of the present War he at once volunteered again, and was given a Commission in the 7th East Lancashire Regiment. From September, 1914, to July, 1915, he was stationed on Salisbury Plain ; he was then sent to France, and was killed in action on July 5th, 1916, at La Boiselle.

A brother-officer wrote to his widow :—

“I heard yesterday from one of the few old Officers in the 7th, and he asked me to tell you of a tribute to your husband's splendid bearing under fire. A man in the Worcesters who was present at the time said to him :—

“‘Major Tyser was absolutely fearless, and took endless risks walking up and down the streets of La Boiselle, being sniped all the time, in efforts to rally some troops who were falling back. He was splendid, but unhappily the cool way he walked about giving orders made him too conspicuous to friend and foe.’

“It is very sad to think that there was no East Lancashire Officer present to speak all this praise, but I think it may help you through this terrible time to know that a man in another Regiment should have spoken so warmly of his magnificent courage.”



GEORGE BEAUMONT TYSER

2ND LIEUTENANT B. C. L. UMNEY

Royal Fusiliers

Church Hill 11'-15'

Aged 19

July 23rd, 1916

ONLY son of Percy Umney, of Varenna, Marchmont Road, Richmond, and of Mrs. Umney.

2nd Lieutenant Umney was given a Commission in the Royal Fusiliers on leaving School. He was killed by shrapnel on July 23rd, 1916.

On his way up to a certain front he sprained his foot and was very lame while marching, and his Colonel had to send him to an advanced hospital. After some days he was no better, and the doctor told him he would either have to go back to the Base, or that he could go back to the Battalion. "He at once," wrote the Colonel, "chose the latter and turned up at my Head Quarters, in the line."

His Captain wrote :—

"He was hit in the head early in the morning by a shrapnel bullet and died instantaneously, without the slightest suffering. His men were very fond of him, and he was a good Officer both in and out of the Trenches. I had been his Company Commander since May and always found him a most cheery companion."



BASIL CHARLES LOVELL UMNEY

2ND LIEUTENANT R. B. VAN PRAAGH

King's Royal Rifle Corps

West Acre 09²-13²

Aged 22

April 9th, 1917

ONLY child of Bertram B. Van Praagh, Solicitor, of 98 Eaton Place, S.W., and of Mrs. Van Praagh.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

2nd Lieutenant Van Praagh joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. in September, 1914, and received a Commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the following November. He went to the Front in February, 1916, and was wounded in the Battle of the Somme, in September, 1916, rejoining his Regiment in the following January. He was killed in action on April 9th, 1917, at the Battle of Arras.

Colonel Porter, of the 9th K.R.R.C., wrote to his father :—

“Your son was a brave Officer, trusted by his men. He was always good when a fight was going on. I cannot tell you how much I personally regret his death, it is just at this moment that a Battalion needs men of his sort.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“His death was a great blow to us all. He saw several fierce fights in this country and leaves behind him a reputation for great bravery.”

A Sergeant in his Platoon wrote to his father :—

“The Platoon wish me to send you their sympathy in your loss by the death of our Officer, Mr. Van Praagh, for he was a splendid soldier and a friend to every one of his men.”

Another wrote :—

“Your son made me proud to be with him, for he saved my life on July 30th, 1916, when he carried me on his back.”

Another wrote :—

“He died a hero's death, gallantly leading his Platoon to the first German line, when he fell.”



RALPH BERTRAM VAN PRAAGH

CAPTAIN J. L. VAUGHAN, M.C.

East Surrey Regiment

High Street 10²-14³

Aged 20

August 16th, 1916

SECOND son of J. M. Vaughan, of Sylva, Putney Heath, and of Mrs. Vaughan.

Gym. VIII; Middle Weight Boxing Champion; won Public School Light Weight Boxing Competition at Aldershot.

Captain Vaughan joined the East Surrey Regiment on leaving School. He trained at Saltash, and, while there, won the Boxing Championship at Plymouth against all the Regiments in garrison. He went to France in August, 1915, and was for a year in the trenches at Hooge, Festubert, and on the Somme. For five months he was Adjutant of his Regiment. He won the Military Cross for attempting to save the life of a brother-officer and for general efficiency, being very highly spoken of by his Colonel and by his Brigadier. On August 16th, 1916, he organized and led an attack on Guillemont, which failed. He himself was wounded in the knee, but continued to advance, when, at the end of the action, he was hit in the head by a sniper and instantaneously killed. He, with five brother-officers, was buried by his Colonel behind our trenches.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was the finest Officer of the Battalion, and every Officer, N.C.O., and man was impressed by his sterling qualities. Our C.O. made him temporarily Second-in-Command just before the attack, and he carried out the organization and details thereof in truly wonderful fashion for one so young.”

His brother, 2nd Lieutenant C. A. V. Vaughan (O.H.), was killed at the Battle of Loos on September 25th, 1915.



JOHN LYNDHURST VAUGHAN

LIEUTENANT G. Y. L. WALTERS

Irish Guards

Rendalls 09'-13'

Aged 21

September 15th, 1916

SON of Rowland Percy Walters (O.H.), Solicitor, of 16 Gledhow Gardens, South Kensington, and of his wife, Ellinor Margaret Walters. Trinity College, Cambridge, 1913.

On the outbreak of the War Lieutenant Walters obtained a Commission in the Irish Guards, and was subsequently attached to the Machine Gun Company of the 2nd Brigade of Guards. He went out to France in August, 1915, and fought at the Battle of Loos, and during the winter of 1915 at Laventie and Ypres, being finally moved to the Somme front. He was first reported 'wounded and missing,' then 'killed,' during the attack on Ginchy on September 15th, 1916, when eight other Officers of the Machine Gun Company of the 2nd Brigade also fell.

His Colonel, with whom he trained in England, wrote:—

"I cannot say how sorry I am for your great loss, which is one that all his brother-officers will feel, for we were all fond of him, and, although so many are gone, he had so much character that he stood out among them. He was always so cheery and so keen."

A brother-officer wrote:—

"You know at least that you have the greatest sympathy from all of us, Officers and men. It is pathetic to see his groom talk of him with the tears in his eyes. Indeed, all the men loved him dearly."

Another wrote:—

"'Bunny,' as we called him, was wounded early in the advance, and his servant stayed behind with him, whilst his men went on and did their work well, as they would do, for 'Bunny' had trained them well. . . . All I can say is that it was a great ending to his life. I am the only Officer left in our Company, and they were such a splendid lot of fellows. I feel I shall never look upon the like of them again, we had always got on so well together. Our Company did awfully well . . . and it was due to Officers like your son that the day went so well, even if they themselves had to make the supreme sacrifice."



GRAHAM YUILLE LAUNDY WALTERS

2ND LIEUTENANT H. M. W. WELLS

Royal Berkshire Regiment (attached R.F.C.)

Druries 02³-07²

Aged 27

September 15th, 1916

ELDEST son of Henry Watkins Wells (O.H.), Director of Wallingford Brewery Ltd., of Sotwell Hill, Wallingford, and of his wife, Alexandra Mary Wells.

Magdalen College, Oxford, B.A. 1909. Director in the Wallingford Brewery.

2nd Lieutenant Wells joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. as a Private, on the outbreak of the War, and in March, 1915, was gazetted to the 4th Berkshire Regiment. He went to France in July, 1915, and fought in the Battle of the Somme in July, 1916. The following month he was attached to the Royal Flying Corps in France. On September 15th, 1916, he was reported 'missing,' after an aerial offensive patrol against twenty enemy machines over the German lines. Nothing having been heard of him for nine months, he has been officially presumed killed on that date.

While with his Battalion in April and May, 1916, he received two cards, of one of which the following is a copy :—

2nd Lieut. H. M. Wells,
1/4. R. Berkshire Regt.

Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by your conduct in the Field on night May 15-16, 1916. I have read their report with much pleasure.

Major-General
Commanding 48th Division.



HENRY MAURICE WATKINS WELLS

LIEUTENANT G. K. WELSFORD

Royal Flying Corps

High Street 05'-09'

Aged 25

October 20th, 1916

ELDEST son of James Hughes Welsford, Shipowner, of Hoole House, Chester, and of his wife, Ethel Welsford.

Gymnasium VIII: Won Light-weight Boxing Competition: Ebrington Swimming Cup.

Lieutenant Welsford, who, after leaving Harrow, had been abroad for several years in British Columbia and Demerara, returned to England on the outbreak of the War and enlisted in the Royal Engineers, as a Despatch Rider. A year later he was given a Commission in the Royal Flying Corps in France, and became Machine Gun Officer to the 11th Squadron. He was killed on October 20th, 1916.

His brother wrote as follows, describing the manner of his death:—

“It was about 7.30 a.m. on October 20th that five aeroplanes went up from the squadron to take photographs. They were two or three miles over the German lines, between Arras and Douai, when they were attacked by about 27 Hun aeroplanes, and George’s machine was ahead of all the rest and went straight into the middle of them. A tremendous battle ensued, and George’s machine being the foremost was prettily heavily attacked and four Huns got firing at him directly from behind. . . . George at once got up on his seat and was busy firing his top gun, when one Hun machine got a gun on him and riddled the pilot, putting about seven or eight shots into his back and smashing up the engine. The pilot was, I think, rendered unconscious, at any rate he lost control of the machine and it turned over and dived, and poor George, who had been standing up on his seat, was seen to go over the top plane and disappear.”

The following letter tells of an incident which occurred while he was serving with the Engineers:—

“Sergeant Jones told me that they had gone out exploring together and were crawling along when shells began to fall. One missed them altogether and another hit the foot of Sergeant Jones, wounding it badly. They had no first-aid bandages with them, so George tied up the wound with a coloured handkerchief and carried Jones on his back, winding through the trenches, for a mile to the dressing station.”

Major K. P. Atkinson, R.F.C., wrote:—“He was one of the best Observers in the Squadron. . . . it was a glorious death and one, I am sure, he would have preferred, being killed in action at the Front.”



GEORGE KEITH WELSFORD

2ND LIEUTENANT C. M. WILLIAMS

Manchester Regiment

Elmfield 04²-09²

Aged 26

July 29th, 1916

ELDEST SON of Montague Scott Williams (O.H.), Landowner, J.P. for Dorset, High Sheriff 1894, late Major (Hon. Lieut.-Colonel) Dorset Yeomanry, of Woolland House, Blandford, Dorset, and of his wife, Audrey Mary Williams.

Shooting VIII, 1909.

Exeter College, Oxford. Signalling Instructor in the O.T.C. ; obtained a First Class Aldershot Certificate in Signalling.

Was engaged to be married to Miss Ella Brown.

2nd Lieutenant Williams, who was farming in Canada, returned to England on the outbreak of the War and obtained a Commission in the 18th Manchester Regiment, being subsequently transferred to the 16th Battalion. He went out to France on July 15th, 1916, and was mortally wounded on July 29th, 1916, in the neighbourhood of Amiens, dying of his wounds the same evening.

His Commanding Officer wrote to his father:—

“Though your son had only been a very short time with the Battalion, he had earned a warm place in everyone’s regard by his tact and cheerfulness.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“During the few days I knew him, I thought that he would make an excellent Officer, as he took such a keen interest in the doings of his men.”

A Chaplain in a Home Camp wrote:—

“I think you would find true consolation if you had the real evidence I have of the place he held in the lives of his men here. The Signallers just loved him, and there is genuine sorrow amongst them to-day in the knowledge of his death.”



CHARLES MONTAGUE WILLIAMS

2ND LIEUTENANT D. WILSON

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

Druries 11³-15²

Aged 19

December 28th, 1916

ELDEST SON of David Wilson, of Carbeth, Killearn, Stirlingshire, Landed Proprietor, D.L. for Stirlingshire, and of his wife, Susan Harvey Wilson. R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

2nd Lieutenant Wilson was gazetted to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in April, 1916. He was with the 3rd Battalion at Dreghorn Castle, Midlothian, till the following October, when he joined the 2nd Battalion in France and served with them in billets and trenches for six weeks. His Colonel described the way he met his death on December 28th, 1916, as follows :—“He was wounded just outside our Headquarters’ dug-out in the early afternoon of the 27th, when he was talking to three Officers of the Battalion which was to relieve us that night. A shell burst near, wounding all four Officers and killing one of our signallers.” He died in the 34th Casualty Clearing Station on the evening of the next day.”

His Colonel wrote :—

“I cannot tell you how sorry we all were to see in the papers that David had died of his wounds. . . . Although he had only been with us a short time, we had all learned to love David for his manliness and keenness in his work, and he is a great loss to the Battalion.”

His servant wrote :—

“His last words to me were, ‘Never mind me, I shall soon be all right again.’ He was a splendid Officer and very popular with his men, I only wish I was serving him to-day. I was his servant since he joined the 2nd Argylls and I never wish to have a better master.”

A school-friend wrote :—

“I would like to let you know that he’s not forgotten and is appreciated by one who knew him well in Harrow days. He had a deep sense of humour, endless good temper and was always willing to lend a hand to anybody. Now he has died, ‘a very gallant gentleman,’ that is how I shall remember old David.”



DAVID WILSON

2ND LIEUTENANT F. WOLLOCOMBE

Devonshire Regiment

The Grove 05³-11¹

Aged 24

September 10th, 1916

THIRD SON of the Rev. John Henry Bidlake Wollocombe, Rector of Stowford, Devon, and of his wife, Laura, third daughter of the late Edward Blackburn, of Haym, Devon.

University College, Oxford, 1911. Organized the Harrow Dinner at Oxford, on May 28th, 1913.

2nd Lieutenant Wollocombe received a Commission in the 9th Devons in December, 1914. He volunteered for service in both the West and East African Campaigns, but was not allowed to transfer. He went to France in October, 1915, and served with his Regiment near Fricourt and Mametz till April, 1915, when he was wounded in the shoulder and invalided home. He returned to France the following August, having asked for a Medical Board before his leave expired. On September 6th, 1916, he took part in an attack on Ginchy and was shot in both legs, and being unable to get out of a shell hole was left behind. Picked up two days later he died in the 21st Casualty Clearing Station at Corbie, on September 10th, and was buried in La Neuville British Cemetery, Corbie.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“I connect him with the trenches we used to hold opposite Fricourt, especially after one of the Boche's raids, when everyone was talking of his extraordinary coolness under fire. . . . These old Devonshire men loved him.”

Another wrote :—

“He was a general favourite, especially with his men . . . the first to volunteer for any dangerous jobs. . . . He led a straight life here on earth and lived up to his ideals to the end.”

Another wrote :—

“His popularity among the Officers of the 9th Devons was extraordinary. . . . It seems difficult not to grudge his life, he was such a clean straightforward chap.”

The Chaplain wrote to his father :—

“Your son was as brave as a lion and was delighted at the prospect of battle.”



FRANCIS WOLLOCOMBE

LIEUTENANT W. B. WOLSELEY

Royal Field Artillery

Remalls 10³-14²

Aged 19

July 5th, 1916

ONLY SON of W. A. Wolseley, Proprietor of Estates in Demerara and British Guiana, and Member of the Governor's Executive Council of British Guiana, of 10 Sumner Place, Onslow Square, S.W., and of Mrs. Wolseley.

Drawing Prize, 1913 ; Yates Thompson Prize for Colour, 1914.

R.M.A., Woolwich, 1914.

Lieutenant Wolseley received his Commission in February, 1915, and went to France with the 48th Brigade R.F.A. in May of that year. In September, 1915, while at a forward observation post near Ypres, he was buried by the explosion of a shell, but emerged alive, though wounded and with a badly sprained ankle, and continued observing and reporting till evening. After a spell in hospital he was sent out in December, 1915, as senior Subaltern with A Battery of the 160th Brigade R.F.A. He served with distinction and was recommended by his Battery Commander for great coolness and gallantry under severe fire. On July 4th, 1916, he was hit by a piece of shell on the back of the head, while running forward to attend to his guns ; he fell just behind the guns and died in hospital at Heilly the next morning. He was buried on July 7th, 1916, his twentieth birthday.

The Brigadier-General of the 34th Division wrote to his father :—

“Your boy was one of the best and most promising Officers I have met with for some years in the Royal Regiment: he was of the high standard that we old gunners wish to get.”

The Colonel, commanding the 160th Brigade R.F.A., wrote :—

“He was extraordinarily capable, cool, and fearless, and only a short time ago I sent his name up to the General for gallant conduct.”

His Battery Commander wrote to his father :—

“His gallant spirit went out when he was in the act of doing his duty, and I cannot think of a finer end. . . . Many Officers have been in to tell me of their grief, and the men are showing their high respect of their gallant little Officer by their silence throughout the day. To me his loss is irreparable.”

His Battery Sergeant-Major wrote :—

“By his constant forethought he had endeared himself to the whole Battery, for he always had considerations for our difficulties. . . . He had the men's welfare at heart ; nothing was too difficult for him to accomplish, and suggestions for improvements were always welcomed by him.”



WILLIAM BERTIE WOLSELEY

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