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 been considered unnecessary to number the pages.*

2ND LIEUTENANT G. R. ALEXANDER

Royal Sussex Regiment

High Street 99¹-02³

Aged 31

April 24th, 1917

ONLY son of James M. Alexander, Stockbroker, and of his wife, Florence Alexander, of 44 Earl's Court Square, S.W.

Member of the Stock Exchange, 1908. Amateur Foils Champion of Great Britain, 1913.

2nd Lieutenant Alexander enlisted as a Private in the 10th Royal Fusiliers in August, 1914, and went to France with them in the following June. In January, 1916, he obtained a Commission in the East Surrey Regiment and then transferred to the 14th Royal Sussex. He returned to France in June, 1916, being then attached to the 13th East Surreys. He was instantaneously killed by a shell at the village of Villers Plouich while attending to a wounded man. He was mentioned in the Despatches of February 28th, 1918.

A brother-officer wrote to his father :—

"It is with the keenest personal sorrow that I learn of the death of your son, whom we affectionately called 'Togo.' If it be any consolation to you, you may know that he died the death of a hero and deserved the V.C. You will probably have learnt that he with a small party was in danger from a hostile machine-gun. He rushed at it, captured it, and accepted the surrender of the team. He then swung the gun round and fired on the enemy. He was supported by his men, but seeing one lying wounded in the open, he went out to fetch him. He reached his objective, but was immediately killed by shell-fire. It can truly be said of him that he gave his life for others. He was a man absolutely without fear, who commanded the affections and respect of his Company to such an extent that I think, without hesitation, every man would cheerfully have died for him."

His Sergeant wrote :—

"I am sure it would help you in your grief if you could hear how well the men speak of him. I was greeted with the words, 'Sergeant, your old pal Alec is gone,' and tears stood in eyes that were quite unused to them."

Another brother-officer wrote :—

"Alexander did most marvellous work in the battle, and people say everywhere that he is worthy of the V.C."



GORDON REUBEN ALEXANDER

LIEUTENANT G. AMBLER

West Yorkshire Regiment

The Park 07³-12²

Aged 23

August 3rd, 1917

THIRD son of the late John Ambler and of Mrs. Ambler.
Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Lieutenant Ambler was at Cambridge when the War broke out. He had tried to enlist in the Cambridge O.T.C., but was refused on account of his eyesight, and on trying again at Huddersfield he was again refused. Finally, in January, 1915, he succeeded in getting a Commission in the West Yorkshire Regiment.

He went to the Front in January, 1917, and returned home in the following month with a wound in the arm. He went back to the Front in May and was wounded a second time on July 13th, by a shell which wrecked his dug-out, inflicting very severe wounds on his head and face. He was sent to No. 3 London Military Hospital on July 22nd, where a week later he developed meningitis and died on August 3rd, 1917.

Colonel Hastings, D.S.O., his Commanding Officer, wrote :—

“He will be missed and mourned by all his brother-officers, and indeed by all ranks in the Battalion. His was a sterling character, true, honourable, thorough, and of a fine spirit and pluck.”

Captain George Gordon wrote :—

“I think he was quite fearless. His characteristically nonchalant way of treating danger encouraged and delighted his men.”



GEORGE AMBLER

2ND LIEUTENANT A. S. BALFOUR

Royal Field Artillery (attached R.F.C.)

Druries 083-122

Aged 23

January 13th, 1918

YOUNGER son of Sir Robert Balfour, Bart., M.P., and of Lady Josephine Maria Balfour, of 7 Princes Gate, S.W.

Trinity College, Oxford.

Entered the office of Messrs. Balfour, Williamson & Co., Merchants, of 7 Gracechurch Street, E.C., of which firm his father is a partner.

Married, in 1917, Edna Winifred Harris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. S. Harris, of Buckland Crescent, Hampstead, N.W.

2nd Lieutenant Balfour was gazetted to the Royal Field Artillery in August, 1916, and went to France before the end of the year. In July, 1917, he came back to England for training at Reading and Byfleet with a view to being attached to the Royal Flying Corps as an Observing Officer of the R.F.A. He returned to France in September, 1917, and was killed in action while on reconnaissance duty over the German lines on January 13th, 1918.

His Commanding Officer wrote:—

“It is with the very deepest regret that I now write to you to tell you the very gallant circumstances under which your son met his death. He was on a photographic reconnaissance, and, in spite of the fact that there were many enemy machines about, he persisted in going over to the very edge of his area to start taking his photographs. The result of this very gallant conduct was that he was attacked by five hostile machines. In spite of putting up a splendid fight your son was killed in the air. Your son's last photographic reconnaissance, before the one on which he met his death, was so good that I brought it to the attention of the General Officer Commanding the Brigade in which this Squadron is. He congratulated your son and told me that it was the finest performance that he had ever come across. In your son I have lost not only one of the bravest and keenest of my Officers, but one whom I regarded as a friend.”



ALAN SCOTT BALFOUR

LIEUTENANT D. F. BARCLAY

2nd Dragoon Guards

Church Hill 07²-10³

Aged 23

April 2nd, 1918

SECOND son of Lieut.-Colonel Hubert Frederick Barclay (O.H.), late Commanding 6th Bedfordshire Regiment, and grandson of Lieut.-Colonel Hanbury Barclay (O.H.), and great-grandson of Robert Barclay (O.H.), Arthur Kelt Barclay (O.H.), and James Frederick Nugent Daniell (O.H.).

Lieutenant Barclay, who was in British Columbia when the War broke out, came to England with Strathcona's Horse and was given a Commission in the 4th Bedfordshire Regiment. He served through the Cameroon Campaign in West Africa, and was then given a regular Commission in the Queen's Bays, with eighteen months' seniority. He went to France in March, 1917, and fought at Cambrai and during the retreat towards Amiens. He was killed by a sniper in front of Hamel on April 2nd, 1918.

Colonel Lawson, Commanding 2nd Dragoon Guards, wrote to his father :—

"The loss of your son is a great sorrow to us—a magnificent fighter and a loyal gentleman. . . . You have lost a son you can be proud of ; we are the poorer for a companion and a trustworthy leader, whose personality was marked. Such an Officer, combining so many valuable qualities, was marked out for great things. The fine example he has left behind will not be forgotten."

A Sergeant in his Troop wrote :—

"Death was absolutely instantaneous, and he met it in his dear old, happy-go-lucky way, his hands in his trouser pockets, and whistling one of his many songs. . . . He died a soldier's death, loved and liked by all who knew him : his loss is much mourned by 'A' Squadron."



DAVID FREDERICK BARCLAY

MAJOR T. H. BARCLAY

Surrey Yeomanry

Elmfield 98¹-01³

Aged 33

May 4th, 1917

SECOND son of Robert Barclay (O.H.), of Bury Hill, Dorking, Surrey, and of Mrs. Barclay.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A., 1906.

Major Barclay joined the Surrey (Queen Mary's Regiment) Yeomanry in 1903, and on the outbreak of the War held the rank of Captain. His Squadron saw service from December, 1914, with the 27th Division, in France, Belgium, and Salonica, as Divisional Cavalry. He was employed for some months on the Divisional Staff, but rejoined to command his Squadron, then part of the 16th Corps Cavalry in Salonica.

In April, 1917, he came home on leave, and on his return to Salonica in the following month the boat, H.M. Transport *Transylvania*, on which he was travelling, was torpedoed. Major Barclay was rescued by an Italian tug-boat after being three and a half hours in the sea, but died on board on May 4th, 1917.

The following is an account of his gallant conduct, supplied by the President of the Board of Trade (Marine Department), for which His Majesty made the posthumous award of the Silver Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea :—

"M. 36,134. 14th Nov., 1917.

"On the 4th May, 1917, the hired Transport *Transylvania* was torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea and many lives were lost. Major Barclay and Captain A. R. Hill swam alongside a raft on which were three men who could not swim. They tried to support the men on the raft, and twice when it capsized they righted it ; but it capsized again, and on this occasion the men disappeared. Major Barclay, who was a good swimmer, might easily have saved himself, but by remaining with his comrade he was overcome and died from exhaustion. Captain Hill was picked up in an unconscious state. A very rough sea was running at the time."

Major Barclay was buried with full military honours at Savona. His grave is inside the Church, on the right of the grave of the Captain of the *Transylvania*. His younger brother, Captain G. E. Barclay (O.H.), a notice of whom has already appeared in Volume IV, was killed in action in East Africa, on January 24th, 1917.



THOMAS HUBERT BARCLAY

CAPTAIN E. L. BEALE

Cambridgeshire Regiment

Moretons 04³-09¹

Aged 26

March 22nd, 1918

YOUNGER son of the late Arthur Geach Beale (O.H.), Solicitor, of Ravenswood, Hamble, and Manor House, Waltham St. Lawrence, and of Mrs. Beale.

Trinity College, Oxford, B.A., 1912 : rowed in his College Boat.

After travelling round the world, he was articled, in 1913, to Sir J. F. Beale, K.B.E. (O.H.), Solicitor.

Captain Beale enlisted in the London Scottish early in September, 1914, and went to France in March, 1915. In the following July he returned to England to take a Commission in the Cambridgeshire Regiment and was shortly afterwards made Temporary Captain. He returned to France in October, 1917, as a Lieutenant, and was given his Company in February, 1918.

He was shot through the heart by a sniper, near Longavesnes, on March 22nd, 1918.

His Colonel wrote :—

“ . . . The loss to the Battalion is a very great one, as Beale was a very able and competent Officer, who could be spared less than practically anyone else at this moment. His loss is a very great blow to us all. He was shot through the heart at the moment when he had successfully arranged a very difficult withdrawal, and after a day of very gallant work, for which, had he lived, he would have undoubtedly been decorated.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“ Personally, since March 22nd, I have never ceased to miss ‘Bealey,’ as we all called him. . . . At Veldhoek, near the Menin Road, on the night of November 14th, 1917, he did wonderful work looking after wounded and directing an awkward relief on a pitch dark night, in very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He always did fine work and was given a Company in the middle of February. During the time I knew him I acquired a great admiration for him for his way of doing things, in or out of action, on or off parade. I cannot speak strongly enough of it. . . .

“ He was a fine chap, very much admired by his men, who would have gone anywhere with him. He was so cool and efficient in action and out. During the time I was over him, I never thought of anything that needed doing that he had not already done ; and he never spoke of what he had done. . . . ”



EDMUND LANSDOWNE BEALE

LIEUTENANT J. H. BEEVER

Royal Horse Artillery

The Head Master's 11²-14²

Aged 20

March 24th, 1918

YOUNGER son of Major H. H. Beever, R.F.A., of Littleton House, Blandford, and of Mrs. Beever.

R.M.A., Woolwich, 1915. Won the Riding Prize.

Lieutenant Beever passed out of Woolwich in July, 1915, and went to France in July, 1916, joining the A/119th Brigade R.F.A. In 1917 he was posted to the Royal Horse Artillery. He was killed on March 24th, 1918, when in command of his Battery. His Adjutant wrote to his father :—

“G Battery was ordered into action on the 21st. The Captain was wounded and missing the same evening, and the command of the Battery then devolved upon your son. He fought the Battery with extraordinary skill and gallantry in the rearguard action which followed, hanging on to the last moment to cover the retreat of the Infantry. On two occasions he took teams from G Battery to save guns, bringing them back each time. Accounts speak of the splendid work done by the Battery, which was fully up to the highest standard of the Horse Artillery. Your son was killed instantly by a shell on March 24th and was buried near Herbécourt. The Officer in Command, with whom we have been working, wishes to recommend your son for the Victoria Cross, and we all wish to pay our tribute to a very gallant comrade. I feel sure it will be a great consolation to you to know that it is considered that the Horse Artillery played a great part on very critical days.”



JONATHAN HOLT BEEVER

LIEUTENANT A. F. BLACKWELL, M.C.

Royal Field Artillery

Moretons 05¹-09²

Aged 26

June 2nd, 1917

YOUNGEST son of the late Thomas Francis Blackwell, J.P., D.L., and of Mrs. Blackwell, of 'The Cedars,' Harrow Weald.

Oriel College, Oxford.

Lieutenant Blackwell, who was reading for the Bar when the War broke out, in spite of defective eyesight at once sought and obtained a Commission in a London Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery and proceeded to France in March, 1915. In September, 1916, he won the Military Cross for gallantry during the Battle of the Somme. He was killed by a shell on June 2nd, 1917, while returning to his reserve line to have a wounded leg bandaged.

His Colonel wrote:—

"I cannot tell you the gloom his loss has cast over the Brigade. Personally I never wish to command a better soldier than he was—always cheery under all circumstances, fond of his work, loved by his men, brave to a fault, and endowed with much more than his share of a sound common sense. We all feel that we have lost not only a brave and capable officer, but a real friend, whom we all held, and whose memory we shall always hold, in the greatest affection. It has indeed hit us very hard."

A brother-officer wrote:—

"Many friends at Harrow and Oxford will feel much the poorer by the loss of 'Tony' Blackwell. So long as memory endures they will think with sorrow and delight of that blithe and sunny nature, miss the quick humour and the joyous laughter, and value the recollection of a clean and manly life, and of a character which radiated fun and good fellowship up to the very end."



AUBREY FRANCIS BLACKWELL

2ND LIEUTENANT LORD BASIL BLACKWOOD

Grenadier Guards

The Grove 85¹-86³

Aged 46

July 4th, 1917

THIRD SON of the late Frederick, 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, late Governor-General of Canada and Viceroy of India, and of his wife, Harriot, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, of Clandeboye, Co. Down, Ireland.

Balliol College, Oxford. Called to the Bar, 1896.

In the South African War he acted, first as Newspaper Correspondent, and then as Assistant Judge Advocate to the Forces. In 1901 he joined Lord Milner's staff in Johannesburg, and in 1903 became Assistant Colonial Secretary at Bloemfontein. From 1907 to 1909 he was Colonial Secretary, Barbados, first on the staff of the Labour Exchanges, then as Assistant Secretary to the Development Commission.

Executed the illustrations in Hilaire Belloc's "The Bad Child's Book of Beasts," "More Beasts (for Worse Children)," and also "The Modern Traveller."

2nd Lieutenant Lord Basil Blackwood volunteered for service on the outbreak of the War and acted as galloper to Colonel David Campbell, 9th Lancers, at Mons. He was severely wounded in October, 1914, and on being invalided home became Private Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, until sufficiently recovered to be able to rejoin the Army. In 1916 he was given a Commission in the Grenadier Guards and served with them in France till the time of his death.

He was killed at Boesringhe, in Flanders, on July 4th, 1917, during a night raid. He was first reported 'missing' and afterwards 'killed.'

A brother-officer in the 9th Lancers wrote :—

"His record is the finest imaginable and ought to be handed down and taught in every school as that of the ideal Englishman. With all his capabilities, age, influence, and record, to join as a Second Lieutenant is in itself a deed of which the country should be proud."

The Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards wrote :—

"I do not think that a more gallant figure than his can ever have gone to join the great company of fearless men who so gladly gave up everything that was theirs."



IAN BASIL GAWAINE TEMPLE BLACKWOOD

LIEUT.-COL. P. L. K. BLAIR-OLIPHANT, D.S.O.

Rifle Brigade

Moretons 82'-86'

Aged 50

April 8th, 1918

ONLY son of Philip Oliphant Kington Blair-Oliphant (O.H.), of Ardblair, and of his wife, Henrietta, only daughter of William H. Yaldwyn, of Blackdown.

Shooting VIII, 1885.

Married, in 1901, Laura Geraldina Bodenham, and leaves three sons and a daughter.

Lieut.-Colonel Blair-Oliphant obtained a Commission in the Rifle Brigade in 1888, and, after service in India, retired from the Army in 1903, being placed on the Reserve of Officers. In June, 1914, he joined the Ulster Volunteer Force (Royal Irish Rifles), as Second-in-Command, and went with them to the Front in October, 1915. He was mentioned in Despatches four times and was awarded the D.S.O. for immediate reward for gallantry in the field on July 1st, 1916. He commanded his Battalion from September, 1916, until he was mortally wounded on March 28th, 1918, while rendering assistance to a wounded man under heavy fire. He died of his wounds on April 8th, 1918.

A brother-officer wrote :—

"The C.O. was hit the first day. He was in great form. One night before we went into action a fellow came rushing up on horseback and told him that the Hun Cavalry was through, and that we had better quit. The C.O.'s remark was, 'We have been waiting for the Hun for two and a half years and surely aren't going to turn from him now.' . . . The C.O. said to me just before going into action, 'At last the spirit of our dreams comes true.'"

General Nugent wrote :—

"I think he was one of the most imperturbable and gallant men I have ever met. I have heard so often from his Officers and men what a tranquillizing influence he used to exert on them when they were in difficulties, merely to see him walking along the line as coolly and unhurried as if he were in his own garden. He did not know the meaning of fear and was the most loyal helper anyone ever had."

Another brother-officer wrote :—

"The Colonel was my greatest friend in the Regiment. I respected, honoured, and loved him, as did every Officer and man who ever knew or met him."



PHILIP LAURENCE KINGTON BLAIR-OLIPHANT

LIEUTENANT E. T. BOLTON

Suffolk Regiment

The Grove 97²-02¹

Aged 34

April 10th, 1918

SECOND son of the late Edward Bolton, and of his wife, Charlotte Mary Bolton, of 11 West Eaton Place, S.W.

Trinity College, Oxford, B.A., 1905.

Solicitor, Yeoman of the City of London, Liveryman of the Skinners' Company : for some years acted as Secretary of the Old Harrovian Football Club. His brother, Sergeant W. S. Bolton (O.H.), Royal Fusiliers, a notice of whom appears in Volume VI, died of pneumonia in London, a week after the signing of the Armistice, having served since the second day of the War.

Married Elsie Nisbet, only daughter of Mr. Nisbet, of Liverpool.

Lieutenant Bolton joined the 23rd Royal Fusiliers as a Private and went to the Front with them in November, 1915. He was given a Commission in the Suffolk Regiment in the following September and was wounded at the Battle of Arras on April 9th, 1917. He returned to the Front five months afterwards, being gazetted Lieutenant just before his death. He acted as Intelligence Officer to his Battalion. He was killed on April 10th, 1918, at La Rolanderie Farm, near Erquinghem, west of Armentières.

His Colonel wrote to his widow :—

"I cannot tell you how deeply grieved I am at the loss of your husband. He did splendidly on March 20th and 21st, and again on April 9th and 10th."

The Chaplain wrote to his brother :—

"When your brother fell he was at the top of the trench, engaged in thinning out the men to lessen casualties. Your brother had all the characteristics which made up the human side of the soldier beneath a natural modesty. I found him to be extraordinarily kind to his men, and generous to his brother-officers. He was a merry soldier, but very much in earnest. I have heard him make remarks in very trying times which put heart in all around him."

A brother-officer wrote to his widow :—

"My admiration for your husband was unbounded. I do not know any more splendid war record than his. His last act was for others ; the enemy were very close and our line thin in places ; he was getting things square, and had just done so, when he was hit."



EDWARD TREVOR BOLTON

LIEUT.-COLONEL S. BONNER, D.S.O.

South Staffordshire Regiment

Small Houses 93³-96¹

Aged 37

May 1st, 1917

YOUNGEST son of the late John Bonner, of the Falkland Islands, and of Mrs. Bonner.

Married, in 1904, Siseley, only daughter of the late E. Park, of Edinburgh.

Lieut.-Colonel Bonner joined the South Staffordshire Regiment in 1900. He served in the South African War, receiving the Queen's and King's Medals, with five clasps. He became Captain in 1908.

Brigadier-General Ovens, commanding 22nd Infantry Brigade, late Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 1st Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment, wrote :—

"In October, 1914, he proceeded to Zeebrugge with the 7th Division, as Adjutant of the 1st Battalion South Staffordshires, and rendered splendid and devoted service during the very severe fighting round Ypres from October 15th, 1914, until he was wounded in the attack made by the 22nd Infantry Brigade on October 27th. He returned to France in February, 1915, and commanded the 1st South Staffordshires at Neuve Chapelle.

"He was subsequently Adjutant of his Battalion at Festubert, when he displayed the greatest gallantry and determination. It was largely owing to his efforts that his Battalion achieved such a brilliant success and held on to the positions they captured. Later at Loos he insisted on leaving hospital to take part in the Battle of Loos, where he was gassed, while holding some of the newly won German trenches near Hohenzollern Fort. He returned to France in 1917, and was mortally wounded whilst, as Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 10th Battalion London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), he was leading his Battalion into action at Gavrelle. He was a very brave and most capable Officer, who was able to command the love and devotion of his men, whilst exacting from them hard work and maintaining the strictest discipline. He was three times mentioned in Despatches and awarded the D.S.O."



SINGLETON BONNER

LIEUTENANT D. C. BROWN

Royal Scots (attached M.G.C.)

The Headmaster's 06'-113

Aged 25

September 13th, 1917

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

Monitor, 1910 : Head of his House.

Was fruit-farming in Sussex. Played cricket for Wiltshire.

Lieutenant Brown was given a Commission in September, 1914, in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (T.F.), then in training at Oxford. In February, 1915, he resigned his Commission in order to go to the R.M.C., Sandhurst. In May, 1915, he was gazetted to the 3rd Battalion Royal Scots, who were in camp at Weymouth, and subsequently near Edinburgh. In September, 1915, he joined another Battalion of the Royal Scots at St. Eloi, and after serving with them for nine months was seconded for duty with the Machine Gun Corps. In July, 1916, he was severely wounded in the attack on Longueval, on the Somme, and was for some time in hospital at Torquay. He returned to light duty at Grantham in December, 1916, and afterwards at Clipstone till June, 1917, when he went back to the Front, where he was wounded on September 12th and died of these wounds the next day.



DOUGLAS CROW BROWN

BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. B. BULKELEY-JOHNSON, A.D.C.

2nd Dragoons

Rendalls 81²-84²

Aged 49

April 11th, 1917

YOUNGER son of the late Francis Bulkeley Bulkeley-Johnson, partner in the firm of Jardine, Matheson & Co., China Merchants, and of Mrs. Bulkeley-Johnson.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Brigadier-General Bulkeley-Johnson, A.D.C. to H.M. the King, joined the Royal Scots Greys in 1887, becoming Captain in 1894, and Major in 1902. He took part in the Nile Expedition of 1899, and was present at the operations which led up to the final defeat of the Khalifa. He was mentioned in Despatches and received the British Medal and the Egyptian Medal with two clasps. He also held the following Honours: Order of the Mejdieh (4th Class), Legion of Honour (Officier), St. George (3rd Class) for Valour, being the sole recipient of the latter under the rank of Field-Marshal.

He was one of the best heavy-weight riders in the Army and a fine player of both polo and cricket. He was also a most successful big-game hunter, having been one of the first to penetrate into Northern East Africa, and obtained some fine heads in North America and Canada.

At the beginning of the War he was in command of his Regiment and was promoted Brigadier-General in November, 1914, being twice mentioned in Despatches.

He was shot dead when out, almost alone, on a personal reconnaissance which saved the lives of countless of his men, at Monchy on April 11th, 1917.

One of his Brigade wrote:—

“The three qualities which most endeared the General to his Brigade were his great courage, moral as well as physical, his independence of mind, and his loyalty to all who served him. In action he was superb: splendidly cool, quick in decision, unshaken in resolve. . . . We mourn the loss of a very gallant soldier and a loyal friend.”

Captain Palmer wrote:—

“I consider Bulkeley-Johnson the finest leader of men I have ever seen.”



CHARLES BULKELEY BULKELEY-JOHNSON

CAPTAIN A. R. BUXTON

Rifle Brigade

Elmfield 93²-97³

Aged 37

June 7th, 1917

THIRD son of John Henry Buxton, of Easneye, Herts, and of Mrs. Buxton.

Trinity College, Cambridge. Local Director of Messrs. Barclays Bank, Victoria Street, S.W. Was a successful trainer of Labrador Retrievers, winning, with Hunsdon Zulu, in 1910, the Championship in the International Gun-dog League Retriever Trials.

When the War broke out Captain Buxton enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion, and in January, 1915, he was given a Commission in the Rifle Brigade and went out to France in the following July. His Battalion was in the salient of Ypres, and all through the winter he had many narrow escapes. In August, 1916, he led his Company into action at Guillemont. His health then broke down, and after a spell in a rest camp he was attached as a 'staff learner' to a Brigade Headquarters. He was, however, always anxious to return to his Battalion, and this he succeeded in doing, but only a few days before his death. He was killed in action during the first day of the Battle of Messines on June 7th, 1917.

Lieut.-Colonel Pigot, D.S.O., M.C., commanding his Battalion, wrote:—

"He was just coming back from the front line after an attack yesterday when he was hit by a bullet and died almost at once. I can't tell you how much I deplore his loss. He had been with us a long time and on ever so many occasions had shown himself a very brave man. Everyone loved him, and all the men of his Company will, I know, regret his loss. He was always doing his best to make his men comfortable, and I can assure you he will be a very great loss to us all."



ANDREW RICHARD BUXTON

MAJOR E. H. H. CARLILE

Hertfordshire Yeomanry

Newlands 94³-99²

Aged 37

March 22nd, 1918

ONLY son of Colonel Sir Hildred Carlile, Bart., M.P. for Mid Herts, and of Lady Carlile, of Ponsbourne Park, Hertford.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A., 1904. Represented Cambridge University in the Boxing Competition (Feather Weights). Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple. From 1906 to 1914 spent much time in Canada, big-game shooting in the Rockies, and developing land in Alberta and British Columbia. In the spring of 1917 was adopted Conservative Candidate for the Mid Herts Division.

Married, in 1917, Ruth Melicent, younger daughter of Captain W. H. Dawson, late Inniskilling Dragoons, of Ravensdale, Tunbridge Wells, and Villa Passiflora, Cannes.

Major Carlile, who had spent ten years in the Yorkshire Dragoons and later transferred to the Herts Yeomanry, served with his Regiment in England from September, 1914. He was subsequently attached to the Hertfordshire Regiment, and left for France in January, 1918. On March 22nd, 1918, he and all his men, with one exception, were killed near Péronne, having been sent forward to reinforce 'if possible.' He was himself shot with a revolver by a German Officer.

Colonel Abel-Smith, commanding Herts Yeomanry, wrote :—

"You know how much I appreciated him in the Yeomanry, and how well we got on in daily intercourse for nearly two years. He was certainly one of the best and most loyal Officers a C.O. could have had, and I keenly regret his loss."

Colonel Phillips, commanding 1/1 Hertfordshire Regiment, wrote :—

"I don't think that I met, during nearly four years in France, an Officer in whom I put such implicit confidence. He was so conscientious and thorough in everything, that one always knew that anything he tried would be done if possible, and his never-failing cheerfulness made it a pleasure to meet him every day. Although he had not been with us very long it was a great relief to me many a time to feel that he was commanding a Company. The way he looked after his men was a lesson to all."

Major Barter, 1st Hertfordshire Regiment, wrote :—

"Major Carlile was commanding No. 4 most gallantly. At the time he was 'missing' his Company was doing very fine work indeed. The charm of his personality has left a deep impression on all of us. . . . How gallantly he led his men, and how sterling he was in the hour of trial !"



EDWARD HILDRED HANBURY CARLILE

PRIVATE W. CARLYON-BRITTON

Leicestershire Regiment

The Park 01³-03³

Aged 30

September 25th, 1917

ELDEST son of Major Philip William Poole Carlyon-Britton, D.L., J.P., F.S.A., West Yorkshire Regiment, of Hanham Court, Hanham Abbots, Gloucestershire, and 43 Bedford Square, London, W.C., and of Agnes Cassandra, eldest daughter of Charles Alfred Carlyon, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire.

Student of Lincoln's Inn.

Private Carlyon-Britton was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) Special Reserve in 1908 and joined the 5th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers in 1910, being promoted Lieutenant in 1911. He resigned his Commission in 1912. In September, 1914, he was appointed temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Worcestershire Regiment, but was invalided out early in the War and totally exempted from further service. After many months' rest he felt so much better that he decided he ought to try and serve again, and not feeling sure how far the improvement in his health was permanent he decided to enlist as a Private, and not try for a Commission again for a time. He therefore, in November, 1916, enlisted in the Leicestershire Regiment and went to France in February, 1917. He had just been recommended by his Colonel for a Commission, when, on September 25th, 1917, he was killed in action while acting as runner to an advanced post, on the night before the attack on Polygon Wood.



WINSTANLEY CARLYON-BRITTON

CAPTAIN J. W. CATER, M.C.

Middlesex Regiment

Home Boarders 96¹-98³

Aged 35

July 9th, 1917

SIXTH son of the late C. A. Cater (O.H.), of Corran, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and of the late Mrs. Cater.

Tea Planter in Ceylon and the Malay States.

Married, in 1913, Violet, youngest daughter of J. T. Horley, J.P., of Harrow-on-the-Hill.

Captain Cater fought in the South African War, being then in the Ceylon Mounted Infantry, attached to the Gloucestershire Regiment. He received the Queen's Medal with two clasps.

In September, 1914, he enlisted in the Royal First Devon Yeomanry, obtaining a Commission in the 9th Middlesex Regiment in June, 1915. He went to France in October, 1916, and was promoted Captain in January, 1917. He fought in the Battle of Arras and was wounded on April 9th. After this attack he was recommended for the Military Cross, and the Gazette of July 18th, 1917, thus describes his act :—

"The success of the attack was largely due to his initiative and skilful leading. He showed the utmost energy and coolness in organizing his men under heavy fire after each advance. He set a fine example throughout."

On May 3rd, 1917, he was severely wounded near Arras while leading his men in an attack at dawn. After having carried on his back one of his Officers who was unable to move, when he himself was badly wounded, he was again hit and taken prisoner. He died in hospital at Cassel, in Germany, on July 9th, 1917.

His Colonel wrote :—

"He was one of the most gallant Officers I have ever had serving under me, and I had for him the utmost esteem and regard."

The following information was received from one of his own men :—

"Captain Cater carried Mr. Hartley as far as the shell-hole where I was. Captain Cater had already been wounded and was then too exhausted to carry Mr. Hartley any further. He left the shell-hole and was very soon hit four times with machine-gun fire. Four men tried to get the Captain in, but the machine-gun fire was too much for them. They were only thirty yards from the German lines."



JOHN WHITE CATER

MAJOR C. M. B. CHAPMAN, M.C.

East Kent Regiment (attached R.F.C.)

Church Hill 06'-07'

Aged 25

October 1st, 1917

ELDER son of William Charles Newton Chapman, and of his wife, Alice Maud Chapman, of Heppington, Canterbury, Kent.

Major Chapman, who on the outbreak of the War was in the 3rd Battalion The Buffs, Special Reserve, at once applied to join the Expeditionary Force and went to France with the 1st Battalion in September, 1914. He served all through the early fighting and was for nine months in the trenches, when he was invalided home with trench fever. He had always been keenly interested in Flying, and while on sick leave, in order to make sure of getting into the R.F.C., he obtained the Aero Club's qualification and was subsequently attached to the R.F.C. After obtaining his 'Wings' he flew to France on April 1st, 1916, and served there till the following August, when he came home for a rest. He was awarded the Military Cross, "For conspicuous gallantry and skill in action against hostile aeroplanes. On one occasion he attacked three L.V.G.'s and one Fokker, shooting the latter down. Later, during an air battle with eleven enemy machines, he brought another Fokker down." Subsequently he was made a Chevalier de l'Ordre de Léopold and received the Croix de Guerre (Belge).

While in England he was promoted Captain and Flight Commander, but was always trying to get back to France, even offering to forgo his rank, if such a step would ensure his being posted to a Squadron at the Front. He was ultimately posted to a Squadron of Fighting Scouts in France, where in the words of a member of the Squadron 'he surpassed his own record.'

He was then given a Staff Appointment in France, but this did not appeal to him, and he begged to be allowed to rejoin his Squadron. The opportunity came unexpectedly, as his old Squadron Commander was suddenly taken ill, and he was sent to take temporary charge and very shortly afterwards was appointed to the permanent charge with the rank of Major.

He was mortally wounded while directing Anti-Aircraft fire during an enemy attack on the Aerodrome on the night of September 30th, 1917, and died a few hours afterwards on the following day.

His younger and only brother, an Observer in the R.F.C., was killed less than a week afterwards.



CHARLES MEREDITH BOUVERIE CHAPMAN

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. C. CHESTER-MASTER, D.S.O.

King's Royal Rifle Corps

The Park 84²-88³

Aged 47

August 30th, 1917

ELDEST SON of the late Colonel T. W. C. Chester-Master (O.H.), and of his wife Georgina Emily, daughter of J. E. W. Rolls, of The Hendre, Monmouthshire.

Christ Church, Oxford.

Married, in 1901, Geraldine, eldest daughter of the late John Hungerford Arkwright, of Hampton Court, Herefordshire, and leaves two sons and a daughter.

Lieut.-Colonel Chester-Master joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1893 and retired as Major in 1900. He served through the South African War, being present at the actions of Belmont, Graspan, Modder River, Magersfontein, Paardeberg, Driefontein, and Sanna's Post. He was twice mentioned in Despatches and received the Queen's Medal with six clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps, as well as the brevet of Major. He acted as A.D.C. to Lord Milner when he was High Commissioner of South Africa and held the positions of Commandant-General of the British South African Police, Rhodesia, from 1901 to 1905, and Resident Commissioner and Commandant-General in Southern Rhodesia from 1905 to 1908. In May, 1910, he was placed on retired pay from the K.R.R.C. and took the appointment of Chief Constable of Gloucestershire. In March, 1915, he rejoined his old Regiment and after a few months was given command of a Battalion. In June, 1916, he was mentioned in Despatches, again in June, 1917, and a third time in December, 1917. In the Birthday Honours List of June, 1917, he was awarded the D.S.O., while a few months later a bar was added to it, the Gazette containing the following description:—"During operations for six days he displayed great courage and ability. His Battalion was very short of Officers, and he had no rest during that period. His splendid example and total disregard for safety inspired his men with great confidence."

He was killed in action on August 30th, 1917.

"If ever any man was looked up to and respected it was he. Every Officer and man who ever had anything to do with him could have but one opinion of his character as a man, and his qualities as a leader of men. . . . He was one of the few Commanding Officers who earned the bar to his D.S.O. He earned it more than once, for he was always where danger was greatest."



RICHARD CHESTER CHESTER-MASTER

LIEUTENANT E. W. B. CHILDE-PEMBERTON

18th Hussars

The Knoll 10¹-10³

Aged 21

April 13th, 1917

ELDER SON of W. S. Childe-Pemberton (O.H.), of 12 Portman Street, W., and of Lady Constance Childe-Pemberton, and nephew of Major Childe, of Kinlet (Royal Horse Guards), who was killed in the South African War.

On the outbreak of the War Lieutenant Childe-Pemberton received a Commission in the 12th Reserve Cavalry. He was then gazetted to the 18th Hussars, and in October, 1916, he left Aldershot for France, subsequently rejoining the 11th Hussars, the Regiment of his Reserve (12th Cavalry).

On April 4th, 1917, he went up to Vimy Ridge, in command of a dismounted party of one hundred 'Cavalry Pioneers,' to the support of the Canadians, and there took part in the Pimple Hill operations, under the 10th Field Company of the Canadian Engineers, being constantly exposed to shell-fire and working under the most trying conditions for several days. He was mortally wounded on April 13th, 1917, and died the same day in hospital at Barlin.

Lieut.-Colonel Irving, D.S.O., Canadian Royal Engineers, wrote :—

"I might state that the Officer Commanding 10th Field Company and all his Officers spoke very highly of Lieutenant Childe-Pemberton and his work."

Lieutenant H. T. R. Jackson reported :—

"During the time that 2nd Lieutenant Childe-Pemberton was working with us he proved himself a capable and absolutely fearless Officer under very trying conditions, and it was with the greatest sorrow that we heard his wounds had proved fatal."

A brother-officer in the Cavalry Pioneers wrote :—

"The few days that he and I were together I could not help thinking what a charming boy he was . . . his only thought was for those around him."



EDMUND WILLIAM BALDWIN CHILDE-PEMBERTON

CAPTAIN G. H. T. CHOWNE

East Lancashire Regiment

The Head Master's 89³-93¹

Aged 41

May 1st, 1917

ONLY surviving son of the late Colonel W. C. Chowne, 6th Punjab Infantry.

An artist and painter of great promise. Was a frequent contributor to the Exhibitions of the New English Art Club, where a special exhibition of his paintings was held after his death in honour of his memory.

In the summers of 1912-14 he was constantly in the School playing fields, where he was engaged upon a number of drawings which he had hoped to publish when the series, as planned by himself, had been completed.

Married, in April, 1903, Nora Locking Johnson.

Captain Chowne in the early weeks of the War received a Commission in the East Lancashire Regiment, and in due course proceeded with the Expeditionary Force to Salonica, where he died of wounds in May, 1917.

A brother-officer wrote:—

“How splendidly Gerard behaved. He would not be carried in till he had finished the report he was writing. Then he saw his Colonel and recommended his stretcher-bearers for recognition. He then saw his General, to whom he told the weak points of the position.”



GERARD HENRY TILSON CHOWNE

LIEUTENANT J. W. CHURCH

Hertfordshire Regiment

The Park 92³-95³

Aged 39

March 30th, 1918

ELDEST SON of Sir William Selby Church (O.H.), Bart., K.C.B., M.D., late President of the Royal College of Physicians, London, and of his wife, Sybil Constance, daughter of Charles John Bigge, of Linden, Northumberland.

University College, Oxford, B.A., 1901: M.A., 1905. Called to the Bar, 1903. Joined the Colonial Service as a District Commissioner on the Gold Coast, 1907.

Married, in 1908, Brenda, daughter of the late H. L. Pattinson, and leaves three daughters.

Lieutenant Church enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion Middlesex Regiment in August, 1914, and received a Commission in the 1st Hertfordshire Regiment in March, 1915. He served as Acting Captain, Assistant Adjutant, and Musketry Instructor in the 2nd Battalion in England in 1916, and went out to France in August, 1917. The 1st Herts then formed part of the 19th Corps under Brigadier-General Congreve, V.C., and took part in the retreat which began on March 21st. He was killed on March 30th, 1918, while leading the remnants of the 1st Herts in one of the last counter-attacks made on the enemy.

A brother-officer wrote :—

" . . . A man who showed himself, by his gallant bearing and resource, an Officer and gentleman of the highest quality and efficiency. To have such a comrade as Church during three or four of the most trying days of my war experience was indeed a stroke of most exceptional good fortune."

Another wrote :—

"Of those who did especially well, Christie, Church, and Griffin were the most distinguished. Church did wonders and was wounded only on the last day and died in a few minutes."

Another wrote :—

"Words can only dimly convey what this gallant and gentle soldier did and endured for ten or eleven fateful days, and to lose his life almost at the moment of relief was a tragedy beyond words. But go where you will all round the Battalion, from Commissioned Officers to N.C.O.s and men, he was the hero of the day and of every day."

Another wrote :—

"Church did splendidly and showed great powers of leadership."



JOHN WILLIAM CHURCH

CAPTAIN L. P. CLAY

Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons

Newlands 94²-99²

Aged 37

February 18th, 1918

ELDER son of John William Clay, of Rastrick House, Brighouse, Yorkshire, and of Mrs. Clay.

Entrance Scholar : Monitor, 1896 : Head of the School, 1898 : Botfield Scholar, 1898. Balliol College, Oxford, 1st Class Mods: B.A. 1905, M.A. 1907. Called to the Bar of the Inner Temple 1906. Parliamentary Private Secretary to Lord Somerleyton.

Married, in 1911, Mary Winifred Muriel, younger daughter of William Ralph Walker, of Scotnish, Lochgilphead, N.B., and leaves a son and two daughters.

Captain Clay joined the Yorkshire Dragoons in 1906, but was transferred to the T.F. Reserve in 1913. At the outbreak of the War he rejoined the Yorkshire Dragoons and went to France with them in July, 1915. From September, 1916, to October, 1917, he commanded a Squadron, and was then made Court Martial Officer.

He was killed by a bomb on February 18th, 1918, and is buried in the military cemetery at Tincourt-Bouchy, east of Péronne.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Gilbert Mellor, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General, wrote :—

“His exceptional abilities gave me great confidence in his work. Such Officers are not easy to find, and his death is a real loss to the Army.”

Captain Douglas Long wrote :—

“I had a great regard for his strong character, powers of judgment, and quick dry humour. He gained the esteem of all those with whom he came in contact.”

His servant wrote :—

“Who is there who knew my late dearly loved Commanding Officer intimately who could ever forget him? All his thoughts were for the comfort and welfare of his men.”



LIONEL PILLEAU CLAY

CAPTAIN T. R. COLYER-FERGUSSON, V.C.

Northamptonshire Regiment

The Head Master's 09³-14²

Aged 21

July 31st, 1917

THIRD and youngest son of Thomas Colyer-Fergusson (O.H.), of Ightham Mote, Sevenoaks, and of his wife, the late Beatrice Stanley, daughter of the late Right Hon. Professor Max Müller.

Captain Colyer-Fergusson was intending to go up to Oriel College, Oxford, but when the War broke out he joined the Public Schools Battalion, subsequently obtaining a temporary Commission in February, 1915, in the Northamptonshire Regiment, and a permanent one in December, 1916. He went to France in November, 1915, and was wounded at Contalmaison in July, 1916, returning to France in the following November. He was appointed Acting Captain in January, 1917. He was killed on July 31st, 1917, near Ypres, after a brilliant attack, which he successfully led, and for which he gained the Victoria Cross.

The official record of this deed is as follows :—

“For most conspicuous bravery, skilful leading, and determination in attack. The tactical situation having developed contrary to expectation, it was not possible for his Company to adhere to the original plan of deployment, and, owing to the difficulties of the ground, and to enemy wire, Captain Colyer-Fergusson found himself with a sergeant and five men only. His party was then threatened by a heavy counter-attack from the left front, but this attack he successfully resisted. During this operation, assisted by his Orderly only, he attacked and captured an enemy machine gun and turned it on the assailants, many of whom were killed, and a large number were driven into the hands of an adjoining British unit. Later, assisted only by his Sergeant, he again attacked and captured a second machine gun, by which time he had been joined by other portions of his Company and was enabled to consolidate his position. The conduct of this Officer throughout forms an amazing record of dash, gallantry, and skill, for which no reward can be too great, owing to the importance of the position won. This gallant Officer was shortly afterwards killed by a sniper.”

His Colonel wrote :—

“I think his death was more keenly felt in the Regiment than any I have ever known. To my mind he was the most promising Officer under my command. . . . I cannot hope ever to replace him. He was, besides being such a first-rate Officer, a thorough sportsman, and the cheeriest of companions.”



THOMAS RIVERSDALE COLYER-FERGUSSON

2ND LIEUTENANT D. P. COX

Royal Flying Corps

The Head Master's 09³-12²

Aged 21

August 21st, 1917

ONLY child of Major-General the Hon. Sir Percy Cox, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., late Civil Service Commissioner with the Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia, of Linn House, Hamilton, Scotland, and of Lady Cox.

Married, in 1917, Ethel, daughter of E. Ellington, of Orton Water-ville, Peterborough.

2nd Lieutenant Cox originally passed into the R.M.A., Woolwich, but left with the idea of going to Trinity College, Cambridge, in October, 1914, to take an Engineering Degree. The outbreak of the War, however, prevented this, and in August, 1914, he enlisted in the 11th Hussars, but in the following month was given a Cadetship in the R.M.C., Sandhurst, leaving in December, 1914, to take a Commission in the Machine Gun Corps. In the following March he went to France. In 1916 he was made 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps and immediately returned to France. In October, 1916, he was invalided home for four months and then served in England until June, 1917, when he again returned to France. He was killed in action near Lille on August 21st, 1917, and is buried at the cemetery at Seclin.

His Commanding Officer wrote to his widow :—

“Your husband was a splendid pilot and had done extremely good work. He is a very great loss to the Squadron, both on account of his capabilities and his personality which endeared him to everybody.”



DEREK PERCY COX

CAPTAIN A. CRAIG, M.C.

Gordon Highlanders

Home Boarders 00²-02²

Aged 31

March 23rd, 1918

NEPHEW and adopted son of Lamond Howie, of Neville Court, St. John's Wood, and of Mrs. Howie.

Captain Craig, who was in British North Borneo when the War broke out, returned to England, and, in 1915, joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. In the following year he obtained a Commission in the 3rd Gordons, Special Reserve and was attached to the Trench Mortar Battery. He was mentioned in Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches in 1917, and was posthumously awarded the Military Cross in June, 1918.

He was killed in the Retreat on March 23rd, 1918, while fighting a rearguard action.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“We miss him terribly, not only as our leader, but also as a very good comrade. The posthumous award of the Military Cross has given the Brigade the keenest satisfaction. If ever a man merited it, he did. I admired very much his soldierly qualities and gallant behaviour in most difficult circumstances.”



ARCHIBALD CRAIG

LIEUTENANT M. A. E. CREMETTI, D.C.M.

Royal Scots Fusiliers (attached R.F.C.)

High Street 07¹-09²

Aged 24

August 14th, 1917

THIRD son of Eugène Cremetti, Fine Art Publisher, F.I.D., of 68 Avenue Road, Regent's Park, and of Mrs. Cremetti.

Entered the Firm of Clement Talbot to learn Engineering.

Lieutenant Cremetti joined the Army as a Despatch rider during the first week of the War and was through the Retreat from Mons. He was wounded in the Battle of the Marne, where he gained the D.C.M. as well as a Commission in the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Being, however, unfit for further Infantry service he joined the Royal Flying Corps and on his return to France was again wounded, while flying over the enemy lines on the Somme.

On one occasion in France he saved the life of his Observer and himself, when shot down from a height of 8000 feet, by throwing out the Lewis gun and landing in 'No Man's Land.' Both Officers were badly shaken, and Lieutenant Cremetti, after being in hospital for some time, was detailed for duty at an Aeroplane Receiving Station, where he had to test new machines. It was soon after this, when not yet fully recovered from his injuries, that during the aeroplane raid on July 7th, 1917, Lieutenant Cremetti charged twice through the raiding squadron, past the guarding battle-planes and back again; then chased two of the raiders towards the Channel and succeeded in bringing one of them down over the mouth of the Thames. It was probably the result of these manœuvres that the German squadron broke up and scattered towards the sea.

He was killed while flying on duty at Hendon on August 14th, 1917.



MAX ARTHUR EUGENE CREMETTI

LIEUT.-COLONEL O. M. CROSHAW, D.S.O.

19th Hussars

Rendalls 93¹-95³

Aged 38

September 26th, 1917

SECOND son of the late George Croshaw, of Churchill, Chislehurst, and of Mrs. Croshaw, of Stelvio Court, Eastbourne.

Married, in 1911, Alice Francis, daughter of Major-General Walter Weldon.

Lieut.-Colonel Croshaw received his Commission in the 19th Hussars in 1899, and served with his Regiment through the South African War, being with Sir George White in the Defence of Ladysmith, and receiving the Queen's and King's Medals with six clasps. He retired later and lived in Ayrshire, where he became Remount Officer for Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire. He left England in April, 1915, as Second-in-Command of the City of London Yeomanry, with whom he served in Egypt and in Gallipoli. In 1916 he was appointed Lieut.-Colonel of the 53rd Battalion Australian Imperial Forces and saw much service in France. He was three times mentioned in Despatches and awarded the D.S.O. for voluntarily crossing a barrage of fire three times to obtain accurate information of the situation. He was mortally wounded while leading his Battalion in the attack on Polygon Wood on September 26th, 1917.

A brother-officer wrote:—

“While leading our Battalion to victory he was severely wounded by a shell-burst. He died like a hero. We have lost our best friend, and the shattered remnant of our grand Regiment, which he made and raised to the standard of perhaps the best fighting unit in the field, is heart-broken and disconsolate.”



OSWALD MOSLEY CROSHAW

LIEUT.-COLONEL V. A. M. C. DE CALRY D.S.O.

6th Dragoons

Drurics 96²-00³

Aged 33

May 10th, 1917

ELDEST son of Valerio Magawly Cerati de Calry, 6th Count de Calry, and of his wife, Ellen Falkenburg, daughter of Redman Abbott, of Philadelphia.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married, in 1912, Sheila, daughter of Donald Cameron, of Clunes, and leaves a daughter.

Lieut.-Colonel de Calry was originally gazetted to the 3rd Northumberland Fusiliers and was with them as Acting Adjutant in South Africa. He then transferred to the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons and accompanied them to India, being for several years Adjutant of the Regiment.

He went to France in November, 1914, and served with the Cavalry till 1916, when he was given command of the 7th Battalion the Rifle Brigade. He fought in the Battles of the Somme and Arras, was twice mentioned in Despatches, and received the D.S.O. and the Croix de Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

He was killed by a shell on May 10th, 1917, near Wancourt, Arras.

A brother-officer, an Old Etonian, wrote :—

“No more beloved or gallant Officer ever commanded a Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. He gave himself body and soul to the welfare of the men, spent large sums of money on the Battalion, and the result was—they were a fine Battalion, devoted to the Colonel. . . . He had led the Battalion so finely on the Somme, and so well earned his D.S.O., the whole Regiment were proud of him.”

Another, an Old Harrovian, wrote :—

“On the Somme, though he took over the command suddenly and with no long experience of an Infantry Battalion’s ways in the trenches, he was absolutely splendid, utterly fearless, and never for a moment forgetting to give the men every comfort possible. He led and looked after them too.”

Another, an Old Wykehamist, wrote :—

“I cannot tell you how deeply his loss will be felt by the Brigade. . . . He was always so splendidly cheery, so fond of his men, so proud of his Battalion ; and he had every right to be. . . . Whenever I wanted cheering up I always went to him, and I know many people who felt the same. . . . You may be very sure that with us nothing will dim the memory of a very gallant soldier and a wonderful friend.”



VALERIO AWLY MAGAWLY CERATI DE CALRY

MAJOR E. A. DE ROTHSCHILD

Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars

Newlands 99³-04²

Aged 31

November 17th, 1917

SECOND son of Leopold de Rothschild, Partner in the Banking Firm of N. M. de Rothschild, of 5 Hamilton Place, W., and of his wife, Marie de Rothschild.

Trinity College, Cambridge, 1904. Joint Master of the Cambridge University Draghounds, 1907. Twice represented the University in the Grind and rode the winners of several races in the University Steeplechases. Entered the family business at New Court in 1907. Visited Brazil and Chile, in 1913, in the interests of the Firm. Treasurer of the United Synagogue, 1911: Vice-President, 1917.

Major de Rothschild, who had been for some years in the Bucks Yeomanry, was mobilized with his Regiment on the outbreak of the War. In August, 1914, he was promoted Captain and left for Egypt in April, 1915. He was then sent to Gallipoli, where he was temporarily in command of the Regiment, but after three months there was invalided to the base. He remained in Egypt till his death on November 17th, 1917, and was present at both Battles of Gaza. In March, 1917, he became Major. He was wounded in the Yeomanry charge on El Mughair on November 13th, 1917, and died in the Citadel Hospital, Cairo, four days later.

The Officer Commanding the Bucks Yeomanry wrote:—

“The Regiment was taking part in a mounted charge on the Turkish infantry, who were very strongly posted on some high ground, El Mughair. I attacked with the Regiment in column of squadrons, and Evelyn was with the 2nd Squadron and was to take command of the two leading Squadrons on reaching the objective. We had some two miles of open country to cross, which was fairly swept by machine-gun and rifle fire. It was about half-way across this plain that Evelyn was struck down by a bullet. After all his death was a glorious one, killed when charging at the head of his men of Bucks.”

Again, in writing to his father, he said:—

“And then Evelyn has gone—a friend of fifteen years. Evelyn was a ‘very perfect gentle knight,’ and as Second-in-Command of the Regiment almost ‘more royalist than the king.’”



EVELYN ACHILLE DE ROTHSCHILD

2ND LIEUTENANT W. A. EDWARDS

Glamorgan Yeomanry

The Knoll 06'-09"

Aged 25

November 1st, 1917

YOUNGER SON of William Henry Edwards, of 'The Hill,' Sketty, Glamorgan, and of his wife, the late Margaret Hannah Edwards.

Played in the Harrow XV against Eton in 1909, and played cricket for Glamorgan County.

Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Married, in 1914, Aeron, younger daughter of R. L. Sails, J.P., of Mumbles, Glamorgan.

2nd Lieutenant Edwards, who was already in the Glamorgan Yeomanry when the War broke out, was called up with his Regiment in August, 1914, and volunteered for foreign service. He was gazetted as 2nd Lieutenant, and in October, 1916, left for Egypt. He was mortally wounded while leading his Platoon in the attack on the Beersheba position on November 1st, 1917, and died a few hours later.



WILLIAM ARMINE EDWARDS

CAPTAIN F. O. EILOART

London Regiment

High Street 08²-10²

Aged 24

May 3rd, 1917

SIXTH son of F. E. Eiloart, Surveyor, of 40 Chancery Lane, W.C., and 17 Elsworthy Road, N.W., and of Mrs. Eiloart.
Farming in Kelowna, British Columbia.

Captain Eiloart, who was in British Columbia when the War broke out, immediately enlisted in the British Columbia Horse. He came to England with the second contingent of the Canadian Forces in July, 1915, and went out to France with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles in the following September, serving with them in the neighbourhood of Ypres until August, 1916. He was then gazetted 2nd Lieutenant to the 1st City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), in which his brother, Captain H. A. Eiloart, was already serving. He went all through the Battle of the Somme, and was gazetted Acting Captain in April, 1917. On the 3rd May he was leading his Company in an attack east of Arras and was within twenty yards of the enemy trenches in front of Vis-en-Artois, when he came across hidden machine-guns and was shot through the heart.

Lieut.-Colonel William Glover wrote to his father :—

"I am very sorry to have to send you the sad news that your son F. O. (Beefin) has been killed in action this morning leading his Company in an attack on the enemy's trenches. He was hit shortly before reaching his objective. He will be sadly missed by us all, both Officers and men. He was always so cheery, and of good heart."



FRANK OSWALD EILOART

LIEUTENANT G. S. EVANS

Royal Defence Corps

The Knoll 78²-82¹

Aged 51

June 30th, 1917

ELDEST son of the late Richard Stanton Evans, of 30 Lowndes Street, S.W., and of Mrs. Evans.

Was twice married, and leaves two children by his first wife.

Lieutenant Evans, until his return to this country about twenty years ago, was engaged in the Engineering Department of one of the Indian Railways. Subsequent to his return to England he had no fixed occupation, but concerned himself with local affairs.

He died on June 30th, 1917, at the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, as the result of a motor-cycle accident while on duty with the Royal Defence Corps.



GODFREY STANTON EVANS

MAJOR A. E. B. FAIR

Royal Artillery

Druries 87¹-89²

Aged 43

August 16th, 1917

THIRD son of the late John Fair and of Mrs. Fair, of Wilderton, Bournemouth.

R.M.A., Woolwich.

Married, in 1899, Madeline, daughter of the late George John Fenwick, of Crag Head, Bournemouth, and leaves a widow and two daughters.

Major Fair received his Commission in the Royal Artillery in 1894, becoming Captain in 1900. He fought in the South African War and received the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal, and was mentioned in Despatches. He retired in 1903.

In August, 1914, he received a Commission in the Remounts and went out to France at once. In November, 1914, he got his Battery, with which he again went out to France in July, 1915. He was mentioned in Despatches in the spring of 1917. On August 16th, 1917, his Battery had taken part in an important operation at Langemarck, and, after the objective had been obtained, he was killed instantaneously by a direct hit.

His Colonel wrote :—

"His sense of duty must indeed have been high. I had said the same thing when he joined, as he gave up a comfortable staff billet in order to take a Battery. All who knew him had the greatest admiration for his most conspicuous gallantry and his many other fine qualities."

Another brother-officer wrote :—

"I always think he was an absolute example of what a man should be in this War, as, though overworked and very often far from fit, he was always cheery, in spite of having been at it from the beginning. He was an extremely gallant Officer and a pattern to all of us younger ones."



ARTHUR EDWARD BALFOUR FAIR

LIEUT.-COLONEL E. FAIRCLOUGH

South Lancashire Regiment

Newlands 983-03^t

Aged 33

April 10th, 1918

SECOND SON of John Fairclough, head of James Fairclough & Sons, of Mersey Mills, Warrington, and of his wife, Mary E. Fairclough, *née* Dutton.

Secretary, and later, Director of the Firm of Charles Moore & Co., Ltd., Chemical Manufacturers, Lymm, Cheshire.

Married, in 1917, Nina Marion Harvey, only child of the late Lieut.-Colonel Francis Sheffield Sorrell, Indian Army.

Lieutenant-Colonel Fairclough had been a member of the 4th South Lancashire Regiment, Territorial Force, since 1905, being promoted Captain in 1912. He was mobilized with his Regiment on the outbreak of the War and went to France with the 1/4 South Lancashires in February, 1915. He was severely wounded in the jaw at the Battle of Hooge, in June, 1915, rejoining his Regiment in April, 1916, and was again wounded and shell-shocked in the Battle of the Somme in August, 1916. He re-joined his Regiment in France as Second-in-Command, in July, 1917, and was given full command three months later.

He was killed in action at Locon, near Givenchy, on April 10th, 1918, when the 55th West Lancashire Territorial Division, to which his Battalion was attached, put up their famous defence. He was mentioned in Despatches in June, 1916.

Major-General Jeudwine, K.C.B., commanding 55th West Lancashire Territorial Division, wrote :—

“I think you may like to know how much the gallant services that he and his Battalion rendered during the long and hard fight, beginning on April 9th, are appreciated.

“The Battalion under his command had a difficult, dangerous, and important duty, in protecting our flank when the enemy penetrated to the north of us. They fulfilled their task magnificently, and, under him, showed a spirit of determination and self-sacrifice which proved how great their pluck and how fine his leadership must have been.”

Colonel O. G. Brandon, D.S.O., wrote :—

“He and his Battalion had gone up to close the gap on the left flank of our line. They fought like Trojans and maintained their reputation as one of the finest bodies of men in the Division. I deplore the loss of a good friend and gallant soldier and comrade.”



EGERTON FAIRCLOUGH

CAPTAIN A. L. FENWICK

Lincolnshire Regiment

Moretons 07³-11

Aged 24

February 16th, 1918

SECOND SON of Walter Lionel Fenwick, J.P., of Wittam Hall, Bourne, Lincolnshire, and of his wife, Millicent, daughter of the Right Hon. Lord Robert Montagu, P.C., J.P., D.L.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Captain Fenwick, who was at Cambridge when the War broke out, immediately offered his services and was given a Commission in the Lincolnshire Regiment. In June, 1915, he went with his Regiment to Gallipoli as A.D.C. to General Maxwell. He was then attached to the 6th Border Regiment, and on August 21st, 1915, after his Colonel and many other Officers had been killed in action on Chocolate Hill, he took command of his Regiment. For his services he was mentioned in Despatches and recommended for the M.C. In 1917 he was sent to France and was killed on February 16th, 1918, at Hulluch, whilst out on patrol, endeavouring to capture some of the enemy who had been seen near to the part of the line that he was holding. He came suddenly upon an enemy post and was instantly shot by machine-gun fire. His body was found in a crater on March 23rd, and was buried in the British cemetery near Béthune.

His Colonel wrote to his father:—

“Your son will be much missed both as a friend and as an Officer by all of us, we were so fond of him. He was quite fearless and a very capable leader, and one that can ill be spared.”

Another Officer wrote:—

“I cannot say how much we miss him. I feel it especially, as he and I were the only two Officers left who were with the Battalion in England. He was wonderfully popular wherever he went and was always so full of life. His Officers and men were very fond of him and would have followed him anywhere. He had no fear—would that we had a few more like him.”

One of his Sergeants wrote:—

“He was a very daring and brave Officer and most popular.”



ANTHONY LIONEL FENWICK

CAPTAIN G. K. T. FISHER

Norfolk Regiment

The Head Master's 93³-97¹

Aged 38

September 3rd, 1917

ELDEST son of George C. Fisher, successively Bishop of Southampton and Ipswich, and Hon. Canon of Norwich, of Burgh House, Fleggburgh, Norfolk, and of Mary Penelope Gwendoline, daughter of the late T. C. Thompson, of Ashdown Park, Sussex, late M.P. for Durham City.

New College, Oxford, B.A., 1902. Studied Art under Mr. G. A. Storey, R.A., Mr. Frank Brangwyn, R.A., and Mr. Arnesby Brown, R.A. Travelled in Asia Minor and the Balkans. Took an appointment in the Labour Exchange under the Board of Trade.

Married, in 1914, Janet Katherine Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anson and sister of the late Sir Denis Anson, Bart., and leaves two sons.

Captain Fisher was given a Commission on the outbreak of the War in the 4th Norfolks and with them sailed for Gallipoli in June, 1915, taking part in the landing at Suvla Bay. He was mentioned in Despatches. He was invalided home suffering from dysentery and then held a Staff Appointment and subsequently a position in the Ministry of Munitions, but returned to his Regiment and sailed for Egypt in March, 1917. On the night of September 2nd, 1917, he was out on patrol and, being somewhat in advance of the rest, was mortally wounded by a bomb thrown by a Turkish sniper. He was brought back into the lines by the patrol, but died a few minutes after his return. He was buried in the cemetery four miles south of Gaza.

His Colonel wrote :—

“Ever since I took over the command of the Battalion he had been one of my chief supporters. . . . I can't tell you what a help he was to me. I cannot replace him either as an Officer or companion.”

The Chaplain wrote :—

“We could ill afford to lose such a fine character. He was a great favourite and beloved by all who knew him. He was always the same, cheerful and good-humoured. I may say that I have lost a true friend.”

Sir George Barnes, K.C.B., Member of the Indian Council, wrote :—

“He will be a real loss to the Board of Trade, for, starting at the very bottom, he had steadily won his way upwards by his industry and by his force of character. . . . All the advancement he got he won for himself, and it is no easy thing to win advancement from the bottom in Government employ.”



GEORGE KENNETH THOMPSON FISHER

CAPTAIN W. A. FLEMING, M.C.

Devonshire Regiment (attachee R.F.C.)

Rendalls 04¹-08³

Aged 27

August 10th, 1917

ONLY son of Allan Stopford Fleming (O.H.), I.C.S. (retired), of Millholme, Chagford, Devon, and of Mrs. Fleming.

Won the Lower School Lady Bouchier Reading Prize in 1905, and the Upper School in 1907.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1908.

Married, in 1917, Dorothy Norma Paterson, daughter of Colonel W. F. Fairlie, late Highland Light Infantry.

Captain Fleming was gazetted to the 1st Devons in 1910, and on the outbreak of the War was at once sent to France. He was mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Military Cross for distinguished services in the Machine Gun Section, in June, 1915. He was then attached to the Royal Flying Corps, and after a course of training at Tidworth returned to France in 1917. On August 10th, 1917, he was reported 'missing.' On that day he was sent out with a patrol of four machines over the Menin-Roulers road, east of Ypres. It was a bad day, with a lot of cloud and a forty-mile wind blowing from the west, and it was his first flight on an S.E.5 Aeroplane. At about 1 p.m. his patrol was attacked by some eight German Albatross Scouts, and a sharp fight began, in the course of which our formation got scattered. On emerging from a cloud the patrol-leader saw Fleming heavily engaged with three enemy planes far to the east. He was putting up a splendid fight, firing at close range on one of the enemy, while another of the Germans was close behind firing at him. The patrol-leader went to his assistance, and together they so settled the Germans that they brought down one and drove the others off. Then the leader and Fleming started to return home in the teeth of the wind, and in a bank of cloud the leader lost sight of Fleming. But from our aerodrome his machine was seen to land behind the German line, and it was thought he must have been forced down by lack of petrol. However, in January, 1918, definite information came through that Fleming was killed in the action of August 10th and was buried in the cemetery of Ledeghan.

His patrol-leader wrote:—

"It is a terrific loss to our Squadron, and we are all very much upset about it. He was so popular with everyone. With a little more experience of air-fighting he would have been absolutely invaluable, as he was such a good pilot."



WILFRID ALLAN FLEMING

BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. W. E. GORDON

Royal Highlanders

Newlands 92¹-93²

Aged 39

July 23rd, 1917

ONLY son of Colonel William Gordon, of Wethersfield Place, Essex, and of his wife, Edith Gordon.

Brigadier-General Gordon was given a Commission in the 3rd (Militia) Battalion The Black Watch in 1897, and joined the 2nd Battalion in 1899. He served with his Regiment throughout the South African War, being present at the Battles of Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, Dreifontein, and many other engagements, and received the Queen's and the King's Medals with six clasps. He then accompanied his Battalion to India, where he spent ten years, being Adjutant from 1909 to 1912.

In March, 1915, he went to France as Adjutant of the South Staffordshire Regiment (T.F.), but in the following June he rejoined the Black Watch and was severely wounded at the Battle of Loos. In March, 1916, he was appointed Lieut.-Colonel of a Battalion of the Black Watch and commanded it at the Battle of Longueval, on the Somme. In the following September he received the command of a Brigade and served at Vimy Ridge in the trenches, and at the Battle of Messines. On July 23rd, 1917, he and his Brigade-Major were both killed by a stray shell when returning from the trenches near St. Eloi. He is buried at Reminghelst Cemetery, about five miles from Ypres. He was three times mentioned in Despatches, and on December 17th, 1917, a letter was sent from the War Office by order of His Majesty to express the King's high appreciation of his services. This was in addition to a letter sent on August 2nd by their Majesties the King and Queen to express their sympathy on his death. He held the 3rd Class of the Danilo Order for Valour presented by the King of Montenegro.

Major-General Lawford wrote :—

"He will be a very great loss to the Service. He was a splendid soldier and leader, setting a very high standard of efficiency by his own personal example of bravery and devotion to duty. . . . His men would do anything for him and follow him anywhere, as they had ample confidence in him."

Lieut.-General Sir W. F. Furse wrote :—

"I know no one whose friendship I have gained since the War began whose loss I feel so deeply, both as a friend and as a most glorious soldier and fighter—one of those who are worth their weight in gold to the Army in this terrific War."



CHARLES WILLIAM ERIC GORDON

MAJOR F. GRAHAM, D.S.O., M.C.

Royal Field Artillery

Rendalls 07²-11³

Aged 24

March 28th, 1918

ONLY surviving son of Edward Graham (O.H.), late Senior Assistant Master in Harrow School, of Rendalls, Harrow, and of Mrs. Graham.

R.M.A., Woolwich: Prize for Tactics: Member of the Revolver Shooting VIII: 2nd in the ride for the Saddle.

Major Graham received a Commission in the 51st Battery R.F.A. in July, 1913. He went to France on August 16th, 1914, and took part, with the 1st Division, in the Battles of Mons, the Marne, the Aisne, first Battle of Ypres, Festubert, Richebourg, and Loos, and with the 15th Division in the Battles of the Somme, Arras, and the Flanders offensive in 1917. He was given command of a Battery as 1st Lieutenant (temporary Captain) in May, 1916, was gazetted Acting Major in December, 1916, and Captain in July, 1917. He won the D.S.O. in the first Battle of Ypres in November, 1914, and the Military Cross in November, 1916, and was four times mentioned in Despatches.

He was killed in action on March 28th, 1918, at Tilloy, near Monchy. His Battery was hotly engaged, and he was going from one of the gun-pits to the signaller's trench when he was instantaneously killed by a shell.

The R.A. General, 15th Division, wrote:—

"Francis was one of the finest soldiers I have met out here, and I have often wondered how he stood the strain so magnificently. He had the heart of a lion, was always cheery under the most depressing circumstances, and never complained. . . . I cannot tell you how much I miss him, and I have heard many expressions of regret from the Infantry, who all knew him well."

The Colonel of his Brigade wrote:—

"I had the greatest admiration for him and counted him as a personal friend. His gallantry during the whole War has been remarkable, and his invariable energy and cheerfulness in the most trying circumstances endeared him to all. He was so exceptionally capable that he would have gone far in his profession."

A brother-officer wrote:—

"He was one of my Subalterns in the 51st Battery, the best Subaltern I have ever met. The men of the Battery always looked upon him as their chief friend among the Officers: he was so good to them, and they would have followed him anywhere. His initiative and gallantry were remarkable."



FRANCIS GRAHAM

MAJOR C. H. GREEN

South Staffordshire Regiment

Church Hill 96³-01²

Aged 35

November 8th, 1917

FOURTH son of Sir Frederick Green (O.H.), K.B.E., Chairman of the Orient Line, Director of the Great Eastern Railway, High Sheriff of Essex in 1918, of Hainault Lodge, Chigwell Row, and of Lady Green.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married, in 1913, Ruth, 3rd daughter of the late G. Graham-Parry, of Cheltenham, and leaves a son.

Major Green was gazetted to the South Staffordshire Regiment in 1901, and from 1901 to 1908 served with the West African Frontier Force. He went to France with the 7th Division in October, 1914, and was seriously wounded in the first Battle of Ypres. On recovery he went to the Cameroons, and from there to East Africa, where he took part in all the fighting, until he was killed in action on November 8th, 1917, near the Lindi-Massasi road, Mkwera, East Africa. At the time of his death he was Acting Second-in-Command. He was mentioned in Despatches, and recommended for the D.S.O.

Lieut. - Colonel Badham, commanding the 3rd Nigeria Regiment, wrote to his widow :—

“He was as fine a fighting man as one could possibly get, and always so cool and collected in the hottest of actions, that everyone round him gained complete confidence, and I always knew that, however heavily the Germans might attack us, if your husband was in command of the firing line, there was not the slightest chance of anything going wrong. . . . On the 8th of November we were ordered to attack the left of a German position, and, after getting right up against the Germans in thick bush, they made most determined counter-attacks on us. Your husband again took command of the firing line and had just gone to a part of the line which was being heavily attacked, to cheer on and encourage the Officers and men. On his arrival there the Officer in Command had just been wounded, and your husband was helping him away when he was hit in the back. The Orderly informs me that he said to your husband, ‘Come away to the hospital,’ but your husband, seeing that matters were critical, turned back to the firing line and re-established confidence all round, but was shortly afterwards hit by a burst of Maxim fire, receiving four more wounds in the chest and arms. He was quickly got away to hospital, but there was no hope from the first, and it was only his stout heart that kept him alive so long.”



CHARLES HENRY GREEN

MAJOR H. S. GREEN

London Regiment

Church Hill 97³-02²

Aged 34

September 20th, 1917

SECOND son of the late Charles Thomas Green and of his wife, Eliza Margaret Green.

Entrance Scholar : Monitor, 1901 : Clayton Scholar, 1901 : Roundell Scholar, 1902 : Shooting VIII, 1899-1902, Captain, 1902. Science Scholar, Trinity College, Cambridge : B.A., 1905 : Cambridge University Shooting VIII and IV, 1903-5. Clerk in the House of Commons.

Major Green, who had been for some time an Officer in the 7th Battalion London Regiment, volunteered for foreign service in August, 1914, but was rejected on medical grounds. He finally passed the Doctor and went to France in January, 1917, where he was in command of a Company until his death in action on September 20th, 1917, being instantaneously killed by a shell splinter near Poelcappelle. He had been mentioned in Despatches in December, 1917, and gazetted Major soon after.



HORACE SALKELD GREEN

MAJOR W. R. GREGORY, M.C.

Connaught Rangers and R.F.C.

The Grove 95⁺-99⁺

Aged 36

January 23rd, 1918

ONLY child of the late Right Hon. Sir William Gregory (O.H.), K.C.M.G., of Coole Park, Gort, Co. Galway, and of Lady Gregory.

Entrance Scholar, 1895. New College, Oxford.

Studied Art at the Slade School, and in Paris under Blanche, whose opinion of his work was that it "had reached the highest level of artistic and intellectual merit." The Abbey Theatre, in its earlier days, owed much to the scenes designed and painted by him, especially for Synge's *Deirdre of the Sorrows*, W. B. Yeats' *Shadowy Waters*, and his mother's *The Image*.

Was a fine boxer, being chosen as light-weight boxer against Cambridge, and in Paris as a candidate for the amateur championship of France, played cricket for his county club and for the Gentlemen of Ireland, and was well known in the hunting field and in point-to-point races.

Married, in 1907, Margaret Graham-Parry, and leaves a son and two daughters.

Major Gregory joined the Connaught Rangers in 1915, and in January, 1916, transferred to the R.F.C. He went to France in the following August, and saw eleven months' continuous active service in a Scout Squadron, being awarded the Military Cross for acts of bravery in the air and for "having invariably displayed the highest courage and skill," and the Legion of Honour for "many acts of conspicuous bravery."

In the autumn of 1917 he was given command of a Scout Squadron in France, and in November, 1917, he took it to Italy. He was killed on January 23rd, 1918, while flying back from the Austrian lines, and is buried at Padua.

His Colonel wrote:—

"His work was from the first invariably magnificent, his skill and courage were superlative, and he always did more than was asked of him, if possible."

His Flight-Commander wrote:—

"He was a really fine airman and a dead game man, always out to do as much work as anyone else, and a little more, and, though officially not supposed to go over the lines, he came with us nearly every day."



WILLIAM ROBERT GREGORY

MAJOR F. R. GREGSON

Highland Light Infantry

The Head Master's 68¹-71²

Aged 62

May 15th, 1917

FIFTH son of the late John Gregson, of Burdon Hall, Durham, and of Mrs. Gregson.

Was a member of the King's Body Guard and of the Royal Company of Archers. D.L., and J.P. for Aberdeen.

Married, in 1903, Helen Slade, daughter of Lieut.-General Marcus Slade.

Major Gregson entered the Army through the Derbyshire Militia and served as a Staff Lieutenant in the Suakim Expedition in 1884. He joined the Highland Light Infantry and took part in the Nile Expedition in 1884 and 1885, being mentioned in Despatches and promoted Captain in recognition of his services, also receiving the Medal with three clasps and the Khedive's Star. In 1898 he went through the Omdurman Campaign, for which he held the British Medal and the Khedive's Medal with clasp. In the South African War he served with the Gordon Highlanders and on Field-Marshal Lord French's Staff, receiving the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal with one clasp. He subsequently became Major in the City of London Imperial Yeomanry.

On the outbreak of the present War he went to France with the original Expeditionary Force in October, 1914, and was attached to the 4th Australian Mounted Artillery. He died of nephritis and heart failure, on May 15th, 1917, at No. 3 General Hospital, Le Tréport, France.



FRANCIS ROBERT GREGSON

LIEUTENANT C. H. GRIBBLE

East Kent Regiment

Elmfield 03¹-07¹

Aged 28

November 30th, 1917

YOUNGER son of the late Henry Edward Gribble (O.H.), Solicitor, of 38 Bedford Row, and Wimbledon, and of Mrs. H. E. Gribble, of Splatton, South Brent, Devon.

Trinity College, Cambridge, 1908. Assistant Schoolmaster.

Lieutenant Gribble, who was suffering from pneumonia when the War broke out, joined, in December, 1914, the Inns of Court O.T.C. He was subsequently given a Commission in the 4th Battalion The Buffs, and went to France in September, 1917, being then attached to the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry, taking part in the advance near Cambrai.

He was instantaneously killed by a sniper on November 30th, 1917, at Rues Vertes, near Masnières, being at the time in charge of a Company, when the Battalion came under a 'withering bombardment and barrage fire.'



CHARLES HERBERT GRIBBLE

LIEUT.-COLONEL B. S. GRISSELL, D.S.O.

Norfolk Regiment

Newlands 93²-97¹

Aged 37

April 19th, 1917

SECOND son of Thomas de la Garde Grissell, of Redisham Hall, Beccles, and of Mrs. Grissell.

Married Olive, daughter of Colonel H. Wood, C.B., late Rifle Brigade, and leaves three daughters and one son.

Lieut.-Colonel Grissell received his Commission in the Norfolk Regiment in 1899, and served throughout the South African War, being present at the Relief of Kimberley, and at the Battles of Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, and many other engagements. He received the Queen's and King's Medals with five clasps. He was appointed extra A.D.C. to the King during the Indian tour of 1911, and in 1913-14 he was Attaché to the Army Headquarters, India, Q.M.G.'s Branch. In 1915 he was appointed D.A.A.G., and the following year he received the D.S.O., and was given the command of a Territorial Battalion of his own Regiment. He was at first reported 'missing' on April 19th, 1917, in Palestine, but in the following November his body was found two miles south-east of Gaza, on the way to Beersheba.

Colonel Kemp wrote:—

"He was, as you say, 'a level-headed, wise Officer,' but he was more. He inspired Officers and men who served under him with a confidence only a strong man can, and, though apparently of a stern disposition, he was truly sympathetic and uniformly just. As Adjutant of the 3rd Norfolk (in which he had served for his Commission in 1898-9) during the strenuous winter of 1914, when its strength rose to 2800, he displayed considerable powers of organization, and I can personally testify to his patience and unerring judgment in the heavy work which then devolved on us. After his appointment to the command of another Battalion I received several letters from Officers who had been transferred from us to that unit, saying how proud they were to find themselves under his command. A fine career has been cut short, a loyal friend lost, but his memory will ever be cherished by his comrades in the Norfolk Regiment."



BERNARD SALWEY GRISSELL

LIEUTENANT H. H. GRUNDTVIG, M.C.

Leicestershire Regiment

Druries 10²-14²

Aged 21

March 22nd, 1918

ONLY son of Herbert Theodore Grundtvig (O.H.), of Maidstone House, Epsom, Surrey, Solicitor, and of his wife, Norah Grundtvig, *née* Forde.

Lieutenant Grundtvig entered the Inns of Court O.T.C. in September, 1914, and two months later was given a Commission in the Royal Berkshire Regiment. Early in 1916 he transferred to the Leicestershire Regiment and went to France with them in May of that year. Three months later he was invalided home with trench fever, but returned to the Front in February, 1917. He received the Military Cross in the 1918 New Year's Honours under the following circumstances :—

“Lieutenant H. H. Grundtvig earned this medal by devotion to duty and coolness under heavy shell fire during certain operations. A truck of ammunition on a light railway was derailed and set on fire by a hostile shell, blocking the whole line. He and Company Sergeant-Major P. Stabler, who has received the D.C.M., quickly collected a few men and unloaded this truck, to their great personal danger.”

Lieutenant Grundtvig was mortally wounded on March 21st, 1918, between Lagnicourt and Marchies, and was carried to the Casualty Clearing Station at Grévillers, where he died next day. He is buried in the British Cemetery at Grévillers.

The Colonel of the 11th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment wrote :—

“I send you my deepest and most sincere sympathy. He was such a good boy and on all occasions had done good work and shown great steadiness under fire, and he was one I was fond of.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was the life and soul of the Mess. Many pleasant hours were spent over the Mess fire chatting about music, of which we were both fond.”



HUMPHREY HALGRIM GRUNDTVIG

LIEUTENANT H. G. S. HALLAM

Army Service Corps

The Park 09²-10³

Aged 22

December 1st, 1917

SECOND and only surviving son of George Hanley Hallam, Harrow Master 1870-1906, late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Georgiana Louisa Hallam, *née* Searle, of S. Antonio, Tivoli, and Ortygia, Harrow. Left School early to study chemistry at Liverpool, and had matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Lieutenant Hallam, who as a Liverpool Undergraduate had joined the Army Service Corps, being prevented from joining a marching Regiment owing to injuries to his knee, received his Commission in September, 1914. In the following July he went out to Suvla Bay. After the evacuation he was transferred to Egypt, where he acted as Supply Officer at a base during the Senussi campaign, and for a time had sole responsibility for the supply in a large district up the Nile. In 1917 he became attached to the Imperial Camel Corps and was engaged at Gaza and Beersheba, and in the advance to Jaffa. He fell in action at Bald Hill, near Ibn Ibrak, six miles from Jaffa, on December 1st, 1917. The enemy was shelling our lines, and he had ordered his men to take cover. "He saw all the others safely away, and had just called out in his cheerful way, 'Are you all right there?' when other shells burst close to him, and a piece struck him on the head." So writes a brother-officer. He is buried on a hill-top overlooking the Plain of Sharon.

His Captain on the Peninsula wrote :—

"His work, which lay with a Brigade in the firing line, was of great value. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him. His great charm lay in the simplicity of his aims and character, and his never-failing cheerfulness. It may be some consolation to you to know that those with whom he worked had realized and been helped by his great qualities."

His first Captain wrote :—

"I could always depend on him for carrying out whatever he undertook," and also spoke of his "admirable reports, terse yet complete."

A brother-officer in Palestine wrote :—

"A great favourite here under fire, kind-hearted and chivalrous."

Another wrote :—

"We were all very much cut up by his death ; he was such a universal friend."



HORACE GEORGE SEARLE HALLAM

2ND LIEUTENANT C. F. HARTLEY

Coldstream Guards

Newlands 13³-16¹

Aged 20

November 27th, 1917

ELDEST son of Harry Hartley, of Bridgemoor, Englefield Green, Surrey, and of his wife, Jane Elizabeth Hartley, *née* Fletcher.

Born at Brookline, Mass., U.S.A. and was at Pomfret School, U.S.A. before coming to Harrow. Won Heavy Weight Boxing Competition in 1916.

Matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

2nd Lieutenant Hartley joined the Coldstream Guards on leaving School and went to the Front in October, 1916. He took part in the attack on July 31st, 1917, and was mentioned in Despatches.

He was shot through the head and killed on November 27th, 1917, while leading an attack in Bourlon Wood, near Cambrai.

Captain T. F. Tallents (O.H.) wrote :—

"I feel I must write to you to tell you what a bitter blow Charlie's death was to all of us. It seems only a few days ago that I saw his happy face and lusty limbs in London, when he was on leave, and there is no need for me to tell you how much we loved him. He was so simple and unaffected, so hardworking and brave. Major Wright will have told you what a gallant soldier he was. He always thought of him as one of the best of the Company, but I may perhaps be allowed to bear my witness to it as well. I like to think he was killed in an attack, if it had to be ; I know he would have liked it that way, and somehow it seems the right setting for the end of such a devoted life."

Major Wright wrote :—

"I am glad he had found his life in the Army happy. He certainly took to fighting with greater zest than most of us and was always in the best of spirits and ready to undertake the most unpleasant tasks. . . . He was an Officer whom men take to and respect and follow at once, and soon learn to love."

A Private in his Company wrote :—

"It was a great shock to me to know that he was killed, as he was so very popular with the boys. The lads were delighted when they knew Mr. Hartley was to lead them. In the words of a Tommy, he was a *man*, and as such would have been followed anywhere."



CHARLES FLETCHER HARTLEY

LIEUTENANT C. HARTLEY

Royal Field Artillery

Druries 00²-05²

Aged 31

September 1st, 1917

ELDER SON of William Henry Hartley, Solicitor, of Colne, Lancashire, and Registrar to Burnley County Court, and of his wife, Gertrude, daughter of the late William Farrer Ecroyd, of Credenhill Court, Hereford, and Someshaye, Burnley.

Merton College, Oxford, 1905: B.A. 1908. Solicitor, and member of his father's Firm, Hartley & Pilgrim, Colne.

Married, in 1914, Dorothy Chernocke, elder daughter of the late Colonel Villiers Downes, of Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire.

Lieutenant Hartley was given a Commission in the Royal Field Artillery in August, 1914, and sailed for Egypt in May, 1915, where he served on the Suez Canal, in the desert, and as far as the borders of Sinai and Palestine, until February, 1917, when he was sent to France.

He was instantaneously killed in action by the bursting of a shell on September 1st, 1917, a few miles east of Ypres, near the Menin Road.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He was a most capable Officer, loved and respected by all his fellow-officers and the men of his Battery.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“Everyone out here who knew Christopher Hartley thought the world of him. He did not know what fear was.”



CHRISTOPHER HARTLEY

2ND LIEUTENANT W. H. HARTLEY, M.C.

8th Hussars

Newlands 10²-14²

Aged 21

March 22nd, 1918

ONLY son of Holliday Hartley, of Chaffcombe House, Chard, Somerset, and of his wife, Marie Gabrielle Hartley.

2nd Lieutenant Hartley had passed into Sandhurst from Harrow in August, 1914, but was rejected at his Medical Examination, so, in the following month, he enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion and went to France in November, 1915. He was promoted Corporal and was then sent home to take a Commission. After service with a Cavalry Reserve Regiment he was gazetted to the 8th Hussars and joined the Regiment in France, in April, 1917, in which month he was wounded. He was awarded the Military Cross.

He was killed on March 22nd, 1918, whilst holding a trench with his troop between Hervilly and Herbécourt, during the great German offensive of March, 1918. At the time he was directing machine-gun fire and was last seen being attended to by a German doctor. An attempt was made to rescue him, but it failed, and he is assumed to have died almost immediately.

The Colonel of the 8th Hussars wrote :—

“He is a very great loss to the Regiment and was quite one of the best Subalterns. I think he was the most fearless man I have ever seen, and I am delighted he got the Military Cross.”

Major Vanderbyl, 8th Hussars, wrote to a brother-officer :—

“I am myself, and so is everyone else, very sorry about young Hartley. There was not a braver or more dashing young fellow in France in my opinion.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“One could not wish for a finer Officer. He was also entirely fearless.”

His Troop-Sergeant wrote :—

“I must express my heartfelt sorrow that such misfortune should have befallen Mr. Hartley. His devotion to duty, fearlessness in action, and his great regard for the well-being and comfort of his men greatly endeared him to us all.”



WILLIAM HOLLIDAY HARTLEY

CAPTAIN J. HARTNOLL

Royal Horse Artillery

The Knoll 97'-01"

Aged 34

May 20th, 1917

ONLY son of the late James Hartnoll, of Ganwick, Barnet, and of Mrs. Hartnoll.

University College, Oxford: B.A. 1904. Was called to the Bar of the Inner Temple, 1905. Farming at Well Place, Ipsden, Oxon.

Married, in 1913, Winifred, daughter of the late Rev. W. R. Blackitt, of Islip, Oxford, and leaves a son and a daughter.

Captain Hartnoll, who had joined the Berkshire Royal Horse Artillery (T.F.) in 1910, was mobilized with his Regiment on the outbreak of the War and was sent to Egypt in April, 1915. He was gazetted Captain in June, 1917. He served in Egypt, at Aden, and finally on the Palestine Front. He died on May 20th, 1917, of enteric fever, at El Kantara, Egypt.



JAMES HARTNOLL

LIEUTENANT D. F. HERVEY

Norfolk Regiment

Rendalls 10¹-14²

Aged 20

May 17th, 1917

ELDEST son of Matthew Wilson Hervey, J.P. for Norfolk, and of his wife, Ada Marian Hervey.

Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Lieutenant Hervey joined the 5th Norfolk Regiment in December, 1914, before completing his term at Cambridge. In September, 1915, he went to Gallipoli and was invalided home with enteric two months later. In January, 1917, he took out a draft of the Sussex Yeomanry to Egypt and there rejoined his own Regiment. At the Battle of Gaza, on April 19th, 1917, he was badly wounded in the left knee and shoulder and died in Cairo on May 17th, 1917, after the amputation of his leg.

The account of his experiences after being wounded show extraordinary pluck, endurance, and suffering. He lay in a shell-hole till dark and then pushed himself on his back for eight or nine hours, hoping to reach our lines. Exhaustion made him fall asleep and, on waking, he found himself within 500 yards of the enemy trenches, with several of his men lying near him. With two others he determined to try and get back to our lines, some 2500 yards away. Thirst was their greatest trouble, but they fortunately came across three water-bottles, which gave them temporary relief. Somehow or other they all three got back to our lines, though it took them thirty hours to crawl the distance.



DOUGLAS FREDERICK HERVEY

CAPTAIN R. B. T. HILL

Essex Regiment

Readalls 07³-12²

Aged 23

June 3rd, 1917

ELDEST son of Reginald Duke Hill, Master of the East Essex Foxhounds, and of his wife, Flora Hill.

Pembroke College, Oxford.

On the outbreak of the War Captain Hill was given a Commission in the 1/8 (Cyclist) Battalion Essex Regiment. He was gazetted Captain in 1916. The Battalion proved so useful for coast defence, that, much to his disappointment, they were kept in England, and it was not till May, 1917, that he managed to get to the Front. Only a month after, on June 3rd, 1917, when his Company was in reserve, he went up to the front line with a working party at night and was hit by a shell and instantaneously killed.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tabor, commanding 1/8 Essex Regiment, wrote :—

"I can truly say that I do not think there is any other Officer in the Battalion for whom everyone, absolutely without exception, had so much affection . . . His was a continuous, thorough, loyal service, and no C.O. could ever wish for a better Officer."

Major W. F. Ackland wrote :—

"Reggie was a born leader of men, and I know was beloved by his Company. Whatever work he was at was properly done ; I never had an anxious moment about it."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"The loss of your son is not yours alone, it is shared by everyone who knew him. By his charming and lovable disposition he had endeared himself to every Officer and man, and his death has thrown a gloom over the whole Regiment. There is not one of his friends who would not willingly have sacrificed his own life, if by that sacrifice Reggie could have been spared."

Another wrote :—

"In the short time that he was here he made a fine impression on all. His death is just another example of the noble sacrifices being made every day which inspire us who are left behind to carry on the great struggle."



REGINALD BYNG TOWER HILL

CAPTAIN A. BRODIE HOARE

Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Church Hill 96¹-01²

Aged 35

October 26th, 1917

YOUNGEST son of the late Edward Brodie Hoare, Banker, and of his wife, Katharine Brodie Hoare.

Pembroke College, Cambridge. Afterwards worked with the Bleachers' Association in Bolton.

Married, in 1916, Audrey Lois Collier.

Captain Brodie Hoare was given a Commission in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and went to the Front with his Regiment in February, 1917. In the Battle of Messines his Battalion was in support of the right flank, in Ploegsteert Wood. He was killed on October 26th, 1917, while leading his Company into action, in an attack near Poelcappelle.



ALAN BRODIE HOARE

CAPTAIN H. C. A. HOARE

Dorset Yeomanry

Druries 02³-04³

Aged 29

December 19th, 1917

ONLY son of Sir Henry Hoare (O.H.), Bart., of Stourhead, Wilts, and of Lady Hoare.

Trinity College, Cambridge: M.A. Agent for his father's estates in Bucks, Beds, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, and Wilts.

Captain Hoare was sent to Egypt with the Dorset Yeomanry in March, 1915, and from there to Gallipoli until the evacuation, when he was invalided with pneumonia and typhoid. He returned to his Regiment in July, 1916, and was wounded at Gaza in March, 1917, rejoining in the following May. He was mortally wounded on November 13th, 1917, at Mughair Ridge, and was removed to the Raseltin Hospital at Alexandria, where he died on December 19th.

Colonel C. S. Troyte Bullock, C.B., 1st Dorset Yeomanry, wrote :—

“Harry’s death will be a great blow to the Regiment, as he was such a general favourite with all ranks. His spirits and energy were unbounded, combined with great keenness to learn everything about his work, so that he should be fully competent to lead and instruct his men. He was a splendid example of pluck and tenacity in Gallipoli too, carrying on until he absolutely dropped at his post from disease and exhaustion.”

Colonel Sir Randolph Baker, Bart., 1st Dorset Yeomanry, wrote :—

“In the very hard fortnight we had before the Battle of Mughair, he had always been cheerful, and no one could have been braver.”

Captain Charles H. Allen, R.A.M.C., wrote :—

“Everyone, Doctors and Nurses alike, were filled with admiration for Captain Hoare’s bravery and patience. Personally I have never known a finer man.”



HENRY COLT ARTHUR HOARE

2ND LIEUTENANT T. W. HORNE

Seaforth Highlanders

High Street 01'-03"

Aged 30

August 22nd, 1917

ONLY surviving son of Thomas Horne, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, of 11 Learmouth Terrace, Edinburgh, and of Mrs. Horne, and a cousin of General Lord Horne (O.H.).

2nd Lieutenant Horne, who was rubber planting in Ceylon when the War broke out and was a member of the Ceylon Planters' Rifles, immediately volunteered for active service and accompanied his Regiment to Egypt, where he was present at the attack on the Suez Canal.

In April, 1915, he was sent to Gallipoli, landing at Anzac Cove, and serving in the Peninsula till he was severely wounded in the following August. In 1916 he was given a Commission in the Seaforth Highlanders and served with them in Flanders, until fever caused his return to England. He then acted for some time as Musketry Instructor in Ireland, but returned to France in August, 1917, and had only been a few days with his Regiment, when he fell, leading his Platoon in the first wave of an attack near Ypres, on August 22nd, 1917. There were no survivors of his Company, which got to the enemy second line and was then surrounded.



THOMAS WARDLAW HORNE

2ND LIEUTENANT J. B. HUGHES

Middlesex Regiment

The Park 12³-16²

Aged 19

September 20th, 1917

ELDEST son of Major O. J. Bell, 13th Welsh Fusiliers, and of Mrs. Bell, and adopted son of John Hughes, of The Manor House, Hampton-on-Thames.

Football XI, 1915.

2nd Lieutenant Hughes, on leaving School, joined the 6th Middlesex as a Private, and, having been for four years in the O.T.C. at Harrow, was at once employed to drill recruits. After some months he was sent to a Cadet Unit at Pirbright, from which he passed out very successfully and was given a Commission in the Middlesex Regiment. He was sent to France on August 20th, 1917, being then attached to the 2/5 Lancashire Fusiliers. He went over with his Company in the attack on September 20th, 1917, and as far as can be ascertained was very soon killed. He was buried on the battlefield, near a spot called Schuler Galleries, just about three miles south-east of Pilkem.

Lieut.-Colonel G. S. Brighton, commanding 2/5 Lancashire Fusiliers, wrote :—

“I expect by now you will have received official news of your son, as we found his body. Unfortunately we were unable to bring him down, owing to the battle and the distance, and we buried him on the battlefield. He was a gallant Officer, and we shall feel his loss much.”

2nd Lieutenant A. H. Geridge, Middlesex Regiment, attached 2/5 Lancashire Fusiliers, wrote :—

“Both in England, at Chatham, and in France, Jack was my best friend. He was killed instantaneously and consequently did not suffer.”



JOHN BELL HUGHES

LIEUT.-COLONEL G. P. S. HUNT, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Royal Berkshire Regiment

Home Boarders 91³-94¹

Aged 40

March 23rd, 1918

THIRD son of the late Robert Ponsonby Carew Hunt, and of his wife, Ada Mary Hunt, *née* Sneyd.

Married, in 1911, Helen Penuel, youngest daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel P. B. S. Dunbar, Gordon Highlanders, and leaves a son and a daughter.

Lieut.-Colonel Hunt joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment in 1897, and saw service in the South African War, during which time he was Commandant at Wildfontein: he received the Queen's Medal with three clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps. He was promoted to the rank of Captain while with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt and was then posted to the Depot at Reading. He afterwards returned to his Battalion in India and was at Jhansi when mobilization was ordered.

He went to France with his Battalion in 1914, and was wounded early in 1915. When Colonel Finch was killed at the Battle of Fromelles, he took command of his old Battalion and was promoted temporary Major in June, 1915. He was with his Battalion in the severe fighting at Bois Grenier, in the Battle of Loos. In December, 1915, he was appointed to command a Territorial Infantry Brigade, with the temporary rank of Brigadier-General, and was shortly afterwards made a C.M.G. In 1917 he again took over the command of a Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, which distinguished itself in the severe fighting towards the end of the year. He was awarded the D.S.O. and was mentioned in Despatches.

He was killed on March 23rd, 1918, near Manancourt, while leading his men with great gallantry, and for his courage and work on the two days previous to his death he was recommended for the V.C.

The Colonel of the 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment wrote:—

“He died a most magnificent death and was with his Companies in the front line to the very last. Throughout those two very trying days, when we were constantly retiring from position to position, he was always up in front organizing the defence, and inspiring all ranks to further efforts. He managed to hold the Germans off for two hours in one position, entirely on his own initiative, because nearly all his Officers were gone, and the Regiment was out of touch with the Brigade. I sincerely hope they will give him his V.C. I feel certain that no greater acts of heroism were ever done than those performed by him on those two days. . . . We all mourn his loss as a really great Commanding Officer.”



GERALD PONSONBY SNEYD HUNT

CAPTAIN C. S. JACKSON

Coldstream Guards

The Head Master's 06³-10²

Aged 25

October 9th, 1917

FOURTH son of Sir Thomas Jackson, 1st Baronet, and of his wife, Amelia Lydia, Lady Jackson, of Stansted House, Essex.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married, in 1916, Laura Emily, daughter of the Hon. William and Mrs. Pearson, of Kilmany, Gippsland, Australia.

Captain Jackson received a Commission in the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards in February, 1912. He went to France with the original Expeditionary Force on August 12th, 1914. He was through the Retreat from Mons, and in the Battles of the Marne and the Aisne, and was severely wounded in the head in September, 1914. For distinguished services at Landrecies he was mentioned in Despatches. After recovering from his wound he held several Staff appointments in France and rejoined his Battalion in September, 1917. He was killed in action near Ypres, on October 9th, 1917.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He led his Company, as we all knew he would, with the utmost bravery and coolness, under a heavy fire from both artillery and machine guns. Just before reaching the objective, ‘Pat’ was hit in the thigh by a piece of shell—not at all a dangerous or painful wound—and he was quite cheery when being dressed. Hardly, however, had they finished tying up his wound, when he was hit through the head by a sniper’s bullet and was killed on the spot. In him we had a Company Commander brave and resolute, and he was one of those we can ill afford to lose, and one whom we cannot replace. I don’t think the War had the same horrors for him as it had for some—he took it all so quietly and philosophically—and yet he could always be trusted to do his best (and that is saying a good deal) for his Battalion and for his Regiment.”



CLAUDE STEWART JACKSON

CAPTAIN H. C. F. JEFFCOCK

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment

Church Hill 99³-03³

Aged 28

May 30th, 1917

ELDEST son of Charles E. Jeffcock, of Welham Hall, Retford, Notts, and of Mrs. Jeffcock, and grandson of the late Mark Firth, of Oakbrook, Sheffield.

Married, in July, 1911, Amy Millicent, second daughter of F. W. Stobart, of Bromham Hall, Bedford, and leaves a son and a daughter.

Captain Jeffcock gave up an important position to join the Army in March, 1915, when he was gazetted to the Sherwood Foresters. He went with his Regiment to Ireland on the outbreak of the rising in April, 1916, where he remained till the following January, when he went to France as Intelligence Officer on the Brigadier-General's Staff, subsequently rejoining his own Regiment as Adjutant. He was severely wounded at Lempire on May 27th, 1917, and died of his wounds three days later. He was buried at Lincourt.

His Brigadier-General wrote to his widow :—

“ . . . What a loss your husband is to the Brigade ! I knew him as well and better than most Officers in the Brigade, during the short time I have been in command of it, and I had the very highest opinion of his capabilities as an Officer.”

His Colonel wrote :—

“ Your husband was doing so well, putting all his energy into his new work and succeeding admirably. I certainly cannot replace him. He had the rare gift of putting his whole heart into any work he was ordered to do, no matter what it was.”



HAROLD CHARLES FIRTH JEFFCOCK

CAPTAIN C. M. JOICEY

Northumberland Fusiliers

Drurics 06¹-09³

Aged 25

June 5th, 1917

SECOND son of Colonel Edward Joicey (O.H.), of Blenkinsopp, Halt-whistle, Northumberland, and of Mrs. Joicey.

Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Captain Joicey joined the 4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, T.F., in 1913. He went to the Front in April, 1915, and was wounded at the second Battle of Ypres. He rejoined his Regiment in February, 1916, and was again wounded in the following May. He returned to the Front again in April, 1917, and was killed in action on June 5th, 1917, while gallantly leading his men in an attack on Greenland Hill, near Arras.

A brother-officer wrote to his father:—

“I knew your son Clive very well indeed, but I am sorry to say not for long. We came out here together this last time and have been practically together ever since. I was with Clive an hour before he was killed. He was on my left, about 120 yards further down the trench. I found him as cheery as ever, his old self, and a good man to be with when going over the bags. I heard afterwards that he led his Company to the first objective, cheering the men on to the last, until he was killed instantaneously by a shell. His Company did gloriously and took all objectives. I know that was largely due to Clive's great dash and fearlessness . . . there is some consolation in knowing that he died doing his duty at the head of his men.”



CLIVE MONTAGU JOICEY

2ND LIEUTENANT L. S. G. JONES

Monmouthshire Regiment

Elmfield 12²-15³

Aged 19

June 20th, 1917

ONLY son of Walter Southwell Jones, Company Director, and of his wife, Blanche Louise Southwell Jones, of 27 Harley House, Regent's Park, and Bassett, Hampshire.

Matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford.

2nd Lieutenant Jones joined the Monmouthshire Regiment in January, 1916, and went to the Front in the following May, going almost immediately into action. He took part in the Battle of the Somme, being at Gommecourt, and, until his death at Lens on June 20th, 1917, was continuously on the Western Front, except for ten days' leave in January, 1917. He was killed while in charge of a covering party which was protecting a wiring party, engaged on a newly made trench, on the right of the Lens-Liévin road. He was between the trench and the enemy lines which ran through the Cité de Moulin, when the enemy counter-attacked, and he was mortally wounded by machine-gun fire.

His Adjutant wrote to his father :—

"Ever since your son came to this Battalion in the field, about a year ago, he proved himself a truly gallant Officer ; his age, good spirits, and charming nature endeared him to us all, and his death will be a dreadful loss."

His Company Commander wrote :—

"As his Company Commander I should like to say what a good Officer he was ; always bright and cheerful and full of pluck. His Platoon was devoted to him and would have followed him anywhere."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"Your boy and I came out together last year. We have been in the same Company ever since and have had some very unpleasant times together. He was always a most cheery boy, no matter what had to be done, and I was always glad to have him with me, though I am nearly twice his age. I don't think he was ever frightened. . . . I heard afterwards from the stretcher-bearers that he was more concerned about their safety than his own need . . . he was exceedingly popular with the men, who were always ready to follow him anywhere."



LOUIS SOUTHWELL GUERET JONES

LIEUTENANT O. ST. M. JONES

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment

The Knoll 90³-93²

Aged 40

October 4th, 1917

ONLY child of the late Captain Henry Michael Jones, V.C., late of the Diplomatic Service.

Lieutenant Jones, on leaving Harrow, went to Argentina, and on the outbreak of the South African War proceeded to Durban, where he joined Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry, being subsequently given a Commission in the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers). He was severely wounded by a shell. After several years' service he resigned his Commission and became a world-wide traveller. In August, 1914, he was in Mexico, ill. He returned home to be medically treated and then entered the Sherwood Foresters, instead of his old Regiment, as at that time the Cavalry were, comparatively, less engaged than the Infantry. He was killed at Poelcappelle on October 4th, 1917.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He was killed instantaneously early in the advance. He had always behaved with great gallantry and at the time of his death was well in front of his men, with his steel helmet in his hand, cheering them on. He had set a splendid example of courage and bravery to all around, and his loss has been a great one and a sad one to his Battalion, for he was regarded with great affection both by Officers and men. . . . He was a real gallant English gentleman, and a true friend to all his comrades. He was buried close to where he fell.”



OLIVER ST. MICHAEL JONES

FLIGHT-OBSERVER W. B. L. JONES

Royal Naval Air Service

The Head Master's 03²-07²

Aged 27

January 7th, 1918

ONLY son of William Basil Jones, late Bishop of St. David's, of Gwynfryn, Taliesin, Cardiganshire, and of his wife, Anne Loxdale Jones. Keble College, Oxford.

Flight-Observer Jones, who suffered from very delicate health, on the outbreak of the War at once volunteered to take his motor-car to France and at his own expense worked on the Western Front transporting the wounded. In September, 1914, he obtained a Commission in the Royal Marines and immediately went to France. In the following May he became an Observer in the R.N.A.S., and in August, 1915, he was sent to the Dardanelles. He remained with the Eastern Mediterranean Squadron till the end of 1916, when he was promoted Flight-Observer and was mentioned in Despatches for his services. For some time he acted as Intelligence Officer to his Wing. In March, 1917, he went to Italy and was killed on January 7th, 1918, through his aeroplane coming down while on a flight patrol over the Mediterranean. He was again mentioned in Despatches, in the Birthday Honours list of June 3rd, 1918.



WILLIAM BASIL LOXDALE JONES

LIEUTENANT M. C. W. KORTRIGHT

Essex Regiment

West Acre 07²-12²

Aged 23

May 21st, 1917

ONLY son of William Kortright, of Ingatestone, Essex, and of Mrs. Kortright.

Cricket XI, 1912.

Lieutenant Kortright joined the 3rd Battalion Essex Regiment on the outbreak of the War, and subsequently went to the R.M.C., Sandhurst. On passing out he obtained a Commission in the 1st Essex Regiment, in July, 1915. The following August he was sent to Gallipoli, being transferred to the Western Front in May, 1916. He was killed in action at Monchy-le-Preux on May 21st, 1917.

Colonel Sir George Stirling, commanding 1st Essex Regiment, wrote to his father :—

“It is with the deepest regret of his comrades, both Officers and men, that I write to inform you of the death of your son, Lieutenant M. C. W. Kortright. He was a very smart and efficient Officer, and, though I have only very recently taken command of this Battalion, I had already formed a very high opinion of him.”



MOUNTENEY COESVELT WILLIAM KORTRIGHT

CAPTAIN C. C. LANGFORD

Royal Field Artillery

The Grove, 02¹-04²

Aged 29

April 9th, 1918

YOUNGER son of William Thomas Langford (O.H.), of Charford Manor, Avonwick, South Devon, and of his wife, Mabel Fanny Langford.

Captain Langford joined the R.F.A. in 1909, passing through the Isle of Wight Artillery Militia. He was immediately sent to India, where he served until 1917, when he was ordered home; for some time before leaving India he had been in command of his Battery as acting Major. He went to the Front in December, 1917, and at the time of his death was in command of a Battery of Field Artillery and was to have been promoted Major in a few days. He was killed in action, on April 9th, 1918, in the Douche Valley, near Bapaume.

Captain O'Brien, A Battery, 295 Brigade, R.F.A., wrote :—

“His loss is very deeply felt out here by all who knew him, both Officers and men. He was a first-class gunner and the best of friends: everywhere you go, you hear praise of him. It was exactly the same in India, his Battery did better than any other in camp, and his men were so keen to do him credit that they worked like niggers for him.”

Another brother-officer wrote :—

“He came to my Battery at the beginning of February as Captain. He was quickly loved by Officers and men. In action in February and March his unselfishness, pluck, and devotion to duty won the admiration of everyone. After passing unharmed through the first enemy offensive, and acting throughout with the greatest gallantry, he left us, on April 2nd, to command D Battery, 295 Brigade, R.F.A. All were sorry to see him leave, but everyone was glad that he had gained the wish of his heart—a Battery. A few days later we were shocked to hear that he had died of wounds. . . . Your son was loved and admired by all who knew him, and his loss is indeed a great one to the Army.”



COLIN CECIL LANGFORD

MAJOR P. L. LEARED

7th Gurkha Rifles

Rendalls 95^a-98^a

Aged 37

March 7th, 1918

YOUNGEST son of the late R. H. Leared, of Glenville, Wexford, and of Mrs. Leared.

Trinity College, Dublin.

Married, in 1913, Kathleen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, of Glencairn Crescent, Edinburgh, and leaves a daughter.

Major Leared joined the Dorset Regiment in 1901, and served with them in the South African War, for which he received a medal and two clasps. In 1905 he exchanged into a Battalion of the Gurkha Rifles, from which he gained one of the three nominations to the Staff College, Camberley, which are allotted annually to the Indian Army.

On the outbreak of the War he was appointed G.S.O., third grade, to the 53rd Division and with them went to Suvla Bay. For his services there he was mentioned in Despatches, recommended for the D.S.O., and was awarded the Croix de Guerre, with palm, by the French Government. In 1916 he became Brigade-Major in the 42nd Division and subsequently returned to his Regiment, being sent with it to Mesopotamia. He died in the Military Hospital, Baghdad, on March 7th, 1918, from acute blood poisoning, following an amputation.

General Woodyatt, formerly commanding 7th Gurkhas, wrote to his brother-officers of the 7th Gurkha Rifles:—

“As you all know well, he was one of the most gallant gentlemen and dearest fellows that ever stepped. Some of you knew him more closely than I did, but to none will I yield in my admiration for his bravery, his soldierly qualities, his unselfishness, and his innate gentlemanly instincts. He was one of those you trust on sight—as you knew him better you felt that he almost stood by himself on a pedestal of truth, courage, and nice feeling.”

His Colonel wrote:—

“He was indeed a real Irish gentlemen, genial, kind, a firm and loyal friend, with an enthusiastic love for his men, to which they quickly responded, and his ambition was to get away from his Staff appointment and to go on service with the Regiment. . . . We may thank God that we have such men.”



PAUL LUPUS LEARED

CAPTAIN I. H. LINFORD, M.C.

Essex Regiment

The Park 05³-09²

Aged 26

March 23rd, 1918

SECOND son of Arthur Howard Linford, M.A., Head Master of Peterborough Lodge School, Hampstead, N.W., and of his wife, Emily Clara Linford.

After leaving Harrow entered the service of the Bank of England.

Married, in 1916, Gwendolyn, only daughter of C. H. Mabey, of The Cottage, Streatham Park, S.W.

Captain Linford had joined the H.A.C. (in which his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather had all served) before the beginning of the War. He at once volunteered for active service and went to France with them in September, 1914. He was in action the following month and saw service in Flanders until March, 1915, when he was wounded at Hooge. He rejoined his unit in May, and in October, 1915, received a Commission in the Essex Regiment. He was through all the Somme fighting of 1916, and in February, 1917, was promoted Lieutenant, and Captain in the following July. After the Battle of Passchendaele Ridge on July 31st, 1917, he was awarded the Military Cross. This appeared in the Gazette as follows: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a Platoon of a mopping-up Company. Seeing that the flank of the assaulting Company to which he was attached had become exposed, he moved quickly forward with great presence of mind and promptly filled a gap with a handful of men whom he had with him. In executing this movement he showed great gallantry and fine leadership under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He thus consolidated the position which he had taken up and held it under very trying conditions for two days, until he was relieved."

In December, 1917, he was given an appointment at the Divisional Base, which he held till March 23rd, 1918, when he was killed in action, the Base Depôt forming a composite Battalion at the outbreak of the German offensive on March 21st, 1918. His death took place at the Croisat Canal, near Royon.

He was present at the Battles of Hooge, Thiepval, Delville Wood, and Passchendaele.



IVOR HUTCHISON LINFORD

LIEUTENANT C. A. G. LUTYENS

Coldstream Guards

The Knoll 11³-15³

Aged 20

October 9th, 1917

YOUNGER SON of the late Arthur Anstruther Lutyens, of the F.M.S., and of Mrs. A. A. Lutyens, of 15A Nevern Place, S.W., and grandson of the late Captain Charles Lutyens, late XXth Regiment, of 16 Onslow Square, S.W., and Thursley, Godalming.

Lieutenant Lutyens received his Commission in the Coldstream Guards in January, 1916. He went to France on the 17th of the following July, his nineteenth birthday, and was gazetted Lieutenant on July 20th. He was in command of his Company in the attack on Houthoulst Wood on October 9th, 1917, and, after gaining his objective, was killed by a shell which burst in his Company Headquarters.

The O.C. Coldstream Guards wrote :—

“The Regiment can ill afford to lose Officers like him. When I was commanding the Reserve Battalion I had ample opportunities of appreciating his great qualities. He showed wonderful promise as a soldier, which was fully borne out when he joined his Battalion in France.”

The O.C. 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards wrote to his mother :—

“I cannot tell you how very sorry we all are about the loss of your son. He is a great loss to us. He was most popular and also an exceedingly capable Officer. He commanded his Company during the attack splendidly.”

His Adjutant wrote :—

“I shall never forget Cyril coming into Battalion H.Q. (a shell hole) to ask for orders about his left flank. He came up and saluted in the middle of a very heavy shelling, as if he were on parade, and cheered us all up by joking about a cut he had got on his hand—that was the last I saw of him.”



CYRIL ARTHUR GEORGE LUTYENS

LIEUTENANT C. S. LYNDEN-BELL

17th Infantry, Indian Army

The Park 083-113

Aged 23

February 21st, 1918

SECOND and only surviving son of Colonel Edward Horace Lynden-Bell, C.B., Army Medical Service, and of Mrs. Lynden-Bell, of 7 Laurel Road, Wimbledon.

Football XI, 1910-11.

R.M.C., Sandhurst : Prize Cadetship.

Lieutenant Lynden-Bell, who passed third out of Sandhurst, was given a Commission in the Indian Army. On the outbreak of the War he was attached to the 3rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers and served with them in France. He was wounded at Kemmel on March 8th, 1915. After recovering from his wound he went to India and saw service on the Frontier with the 99th Infantry. He was then sent to Mesopotamia, where he was accidentally killed, while on active service, on February 21st, 1918. He was mentioned in Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches of November 7th, 1917, and his name published in the Gazette of December 21st, for 'gallant and distinguished service in the Field.'



COLIN SUTHERLAND LYNDEN-BELL

2ND LIEUTENANT C. MACKESON

Rifle Brigade

The Headmaster's 12¹-15²

Aged 19

August 16th, 1917

ELDER son of Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Mackeson (O.H.) and of Mrs. Mackeson, of The Old House, Hodnet, Shropshire.

R.M.C., Sandhurst : Prize Cadetship.

2nd Lieutenant Mackeson received a Commission in the Rifle Brigade on passing out of Sandhurst and went to France in February, 1917, joining the 2nd Battalion in the following month on the Somme. From there the Battalion moved to Ypres. In July he was recommended for the Military Cross and was made Adjutant of his Battalion. He was wounded by a shell while sending up S.O.S. signals on August 14th, 1917, and died two days later in a Casualty Clearing Station, being buried at Brandhoek. He was mentioned in Despatches on December 24th, 1917.

Colonel the Hon. Roger Brand wrote :—

“He was a splendid fellow, always so cheerful and keen, and he was wonderfully good as Adjutant the short time he was doing it. He was quite splendid in the fighting on July 31st, and I sincerely hope that he will get the Military Cross, which he earned, and for which he was recommended. He kept me informed of the situation all the morning and sent back the most excellent reports, and later on he was wonderfully calm and courageous in a position which was anything but pleasant.”

Major Cole wrote :—

“We were in the lines at rather a difficult bit. In the evening the enemy put down a very heavy barrage, and the Battalion next to us asked us by telephone to send up an S.O.S. signal, as they could not get theirs off. Your son immediately rushed out into the thick of the shell fire and fired off three, returning at once for more. On his way out again a shell from one of their field guns burst right in the doorway of our dug-out, wounding four or five men besides himself. . . . No one could have been more gallant. He dashed out into a heavy and accurate barrage, knowing full well that the door of our dug-out was one of the most dangerous points of the line, as the enemy continually hit it with their field guns.”



CHRISTOPHER MACKESON

CAPTAIN J. C. F. MAGNAY

Norfolk Regiment

The Headmaster's 11¹-13³

Aged 20

April 23rd, 1917

SECOND son of the late Frederick William Magnay, J.P. for Norfolk, of Drayton, Norwich, and of Mrs. F. W. Magnay, of 52 Tedworth Gardens, Chelsea.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1914.

Captain Magnay received his Commission in the Norfolk Regiment in December, 1914, joining the 1st Battalion in France in April, 1915. He took part in the second Battle of Ypres, and in the Battle of Hill 60. He was severely wounded at Arras in May, 1916. After recovering from his wound he returned to France in the following January and was killed on April 23rd, 1917, leading his Company into the German second line trenches at Vimy Ridge, against very heavy shell and machine gun fire.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He was such a fine soldier, and a most gallant leader of men. We have lost one of our best Officers, and it is men like him we cannot afford to lose ; but unfortunately for England her best men are also her most gallant men. This is always what happens.”



JOHN CHRISTOPHER FREDERICK MAGNAY

LIEUT.-COLONEL P. M. MAGNAY

Royal Fusiliers

The Headmaster's 99³-05²

Aged 31

April 13th, 1917

YOUNGER son of the late Sir William Magnay, Bart., and of Lady Magnay, of 8 Gloucester Place, Portman Square, W.

Football XI, 1903-4.

Was engaged to be married to Marjorie, youngest daughter of the Rev. Thomas S. Cooper, of Charleshurst, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Lieut.-Colonel Magnay joined the Royal Fusiliers in October, 1910. He went to France with the 1st Battalion on September 8th, 1914, and went through the Battle of the Aisne, being gazetted Captain shortly after. He was later attached to the 4th Battalion and was with them in Flanders and at Armentières. After being invalided home he returned to the Front as Second-in-Command of the 24th Battalion Manchester Regiment and was given command of the 12th Battalion at the beginning of our offensive on the Somme. He was through many engagements, including the taking of Delville Wood, Longueval, and Beaumont Hamel. He was killed by a 5'9 shell on April 13th, 1917, while directing the operations of his Battalion from a captured German trench north of Arras, the same shell killing his Adjutant and two other Officers. He was three times mentioned in Despatches and recommended for the D.S.O.

His Brigadier-General wrote:—

"I can candidly say I have seldom met a man with a more charming personality, and furthermore an exceedingly able Officer. In him I have lost a Commanding Officer of the first rank."

Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Collins, General Staff, 17th Division, wrote:—

"Both General Robertson and I watched with great interest the effect of your son's influence on the Battalion he commanded so well and so gallantly. I do not think it is too much to say that he had made it into one of the best, if not the best in the Division, entirely by his own efforts. . . . His death was a very real loss to his Battalion, his Brigade, and the Division."

A brother-officer wrote:—

"You really can't imagine what a loss this is to us. The C.O. was one of the very best, and the Brigadier says that owing to him the Battalion is the best in the Brigade. . . . We are all absolutely down over this awful catastrophe, because the Colonel was so universally popular with Division, Brigade, Battalion Officers, and the whole of the rank and file."



PHILIP MATTHEW MAGNAY

SUB-LIEUTENANT H. J. R. MAITLAND

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

Rendalls 12¹-14³

Aged 19

March 17th, 1918

YOUNGER son of the late Edward J. Maitland, of Banstead Hall, and of Mrs. Maitland, daughter of Monsieur J. Ruault, late French Master in Harrow School.

Sub-Lieutenant Maitland received a Commission in the Royal Naval Air Service in 1916, but, owing to an accident while flying, transferred in the following year to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He was appointed to the Trade Division at the Admiralty and was then sent on duty to Halifax, Nova Scotia. He died of pneumonia, following scarlet fever, contracted while on duty in Halifax, on March 17th, 1918.



HENRY JERVOIS RUULT MAITLAND

CAPTAIN G. W. MAPPLEBECK

North Staffordshire Regiment

West Acre 94¹-97³

Aged 27

July 30th, 1917

SECOND son of Edward Mapplebeck, of Woodfield, Leamington, Warwickshire, and of his wife, the late Sarah Mapplebeck.

Trinity College, Cambridge. Stockbroker.

On the outbreak of the War Captain Mapplebeck was given a Commission in the 4th North Staffordshire Regiment. He went to France in August, 1915, and fought with his Regiment at Hooze and Ypres, and in the Battles of the Somme and Messines. He then returned to the Ypres district, where he was hit by a high explosive shell on July 29th, 1917, and died of his wounds next day, in No. 5 London Field Ambulance. He was buried at Renninghelst, in Belgium.

His Brigadier-General wrote to his father :—

"I had met your son several times out here, and a more delightful and gallant gentleman it was never my privilege to meet. From what his brother-officers and men tell me he was a universal favourite ; in the words of a private I spoke to to-day, 'He was the best Officer I ever served under.' In the Battle of Messines, about six months ago, he behaved most gallantly."

His Colonel wrote :—

"His loss is a severe one for the Regiment for which he did so much. All the men were deeply attached to him and would have followed him anywhere. He was never tired of thinking how best he could get his men more efficient or more comfortable. He had many times been brought to my notice for cool and gallant conduct under very trying circumstances, and we had hoped to see him decorated ere long."

His Major wrote :—

"He was cheerful and plucky up to the end. His last words were, 'Tell the Colonel that I was sorry I could not take the Company over.' Some of the comments I heard were, 'Poor old chap, anyone could have been better spared than he.' Another characterized him as one of the bravest men he had ever met, and gave instances of his entire disregard of danger. . . . He was always the same, in good times and in bad, when things were going well and in times of great anxiety, always calmly going about his duty and not thinking about himself."



GORDON WHITFIELD MAPPLEBECK

LIEUTENANT O. W. W. H. MEREDITH

Royal Flying Corps

The Headmaster's 063-103

Aged 24

November 20th, 1917

ONLY child of the late Ven. Thomas Meredith, M.A., Vicar of Wolston and Archdeacon of Singapore, and of his wife, Mary Meredith, of Park Road, Leamington.

Jesus College, Cambridge, 1914.

Lieutenant Meredith, who had already distinguished himself in various mechanical examinations in London, left Cambridge when the War broke out and took up war work at Coventry, subsequently entering Aeroplane Works at Hendon. He joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1917, obtaining his 'Wings' in July of that year. At an aerodrome in England he made a record for high flying and especially distinguished himself in shooting while doing his gunnery course. He went to the Front in October, 1917, joining the 64th Squadron, and was reported 'missing,' near Cambrai, on November 20th, 1917. In the following May information was received from the Committee of the Red Cross Agency for Prisoners of War that he had been shot down on that date by machine gun fire, while attacking a balloon, and is buried at the Military Cemetery at Rumancourt.

The Officer commanding the 64th Squadron, B.E.F., wrote to his mother :—

"As regards his work on the 20th, he was taking part in the attack on Cambrai, supporting the advance of the infantry and tanks. His mission was to drop bombs on and shoot at any infantry or guns he came across, and he would have been working in the area round Bourlon Wood. Owing to the fog and low clouds, nearly all the machines (there were 15 others on the same duty from this Squadron alone) got separated, and it is impossible to say what happened. It was to a great extent owing to the co-operation of our low-flying aeroplanes that we scored a marked success on the initial day, and you have the satisfaction and pride of knowing that your son, fully realizing the risk, gave his life in helping what was very nearly the biggest victory of the War. . . . Your son was a gallant Officer and a fearless Pilot and died a death which cannot but be a source of pride to all who were connected with him."

His Flight Commander wrote :—

"I cannot say how very sorry we all were when we found he was 'missing,' and I deeply sympathize with you and yours in your loss."



OWEN WATKIN WYNN HARDINGE MEREDITH

SERGEANT F. M. MICHAELIS

6th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Imperial Force

The Headmaster's 04'-10"

Aged 24

May 14th, 1917

SECOND son of Frederick D. Michaelis, Managing Director of Michaelis, Hallenstein & Co., of Melbourne, Australia, and Basinghall Street, London, and of his wife, Esther Z. Michaelis.

Monitor, 1909. Sub-manager in the works of his father's firm in Australia.

Married, in 1916, Kathleen Hart, of Sydney.

Sergeant Michaelis enlisted as a Private in the Artillery Branch of the Australian Service and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He left Australia for service abroad in December, 1916. He was not in good health on his arrival in England, and as he refused to give way he was attacked, two months later, by a serious illness, from which he died in Tidworth Military Hospital, on May 14th, 1917.

Captain Maclaren, 12th Battery, Australian Artillery, wrote to his father:—

“The Officer who commanded the Reinforcements with whom your late son sailed, Lieutenant T. K. Rowan, is at present attached to my Battery, and he speaks in glowing terms of the work done by your son.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“From my point of view I have lost not only one of the most honourable of men, but a comrade in arms, and he will for ever be in my memory as a friend who ‘fought the good fight.’”



FRANK MORITZ MICHAELIS

2ND LIEUTENANT R. G. MILES, M.C.

5th Dragoon Guards

Church Hill 98²-01³

Aged 33

March 11th, 1918

SECOND son of William Frederick Miles, of Keyham, Leicester, and of his wife, Clara Elizabeth Miles.

Went to South Africa and took a farm under Lord Milner's Settlement Scheme. His elder brother, whose record appears on the following page, 2nd Lieutenant R. T. W. Miles (O.H.), was killed on October 2nd, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Miles served on Commando against the Rebels, and also as a Machine Gunner with the Bechuanaland Mounted Rifles, in German South West Africa. After the conquest of German South West Africa and the consequent disbandment of the forces, he came to England and entered a Cavalry Cadet School, obtaining a Commission in the 5th Dragoons. He went to France in December, 1916, and was mortally wounded on March 10th, 1918, dying the next morning. He was posthumously awarded the Military Cross for the following act, thus described in the Gazette of April 23rd, 1918 :—

“When in charge of a flanking party, protecting the right flank of the raiding party, he disposed his party with great skill, and, finding that an enemy post was held, rushed it at the point of the bayonet, killing or capturing all the occupants of the post. He displayed great dash and initiative.”

A brother-officer wrote to his sister :—

“Your brother was a great favourite with us all, and we miss him very much. On March 10th last, while we were in the trenches, we carried out a big raid on the German trenches. Your brother was in charge of a covering party which had to deal with a German advanced post. He led his men very gallantly, and the German garrison were all killed or taken prisoner. Unfortunately Miles was wounded and died in hospital the next day. He died among friends and in a British Hospital and was buried with full military honours in a little cemetery close by.”



RALPH GEORGE MILES

2ND LIEUTENANT R. T. W. MILES

Leicestershire Regiment

Church Hill 97²-99²

Aged 34

October 2nd, 1917

ELDEST son of William Frederick Miles, of Keyham, Leicestershire, and of his wife, Clara Elizabeth Miles. His younger brother, whose record appears on the previous page, 2nd Lieut. R. G. Miles (O.H.), was killed on March 11th, 1918.

Went out to South Africa in 1903 and took a farm under Lord Milner's Settlement Scheme.

2nd Lieutenant Miles served in the 2nd Kimberley Regiment through the German South West African campaign. When that was over he came to England and entered a Cavalry Cadet School, but was laid up with measles through a great part of his training and failed to pass out. He then served as a Trooper in the 8th Hussars in France and was subsequently given a Commission in the 7th Leicestershire Regiment. He went to the Front in July, 1917, and was killed while leading a counter-attack on Ploegsteert Wood, on October 2nd, 1917.



ROGER THOMAS WILLIAM MILES

LIEUTENANT C. H. NEWTON-DEAKIN

3rd Dragoon Guards

High Street 06²-10³

Aged 24

April 11th, 1917

ONLY son of Charles Frederic Newton-Deakin, M.A. Oxon, Barrister-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn, of 6, Avenue Road, Regent's Park, N.W., and of his wife, Alice Mary Newton-Deakin, and grandson of the late Colonel James H. Deakin, of Werrington Park, Devon.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1911.

Lieutenant Newton-Deakin obtained a Commission in the 3rd Dragoon Guards in January, 1913, and two months after sailed for Alexandria, remaining in Egypt till the outbreak of the War, when he returned to England with his Squadron. He went out to France in October, 1914, and was in constant service till the date of his death, being present at the two Battles of Ypres and the Battle of Loos. He was killed by shell fire at Monchy on April 11th, 1917.

Colonel Smith-Bingham wrote :—

"I always thought him one of the smartest and nicest little subalterns I had, and I was very fond of him, and so was everybody else, and I know he will be a great loss to the Regiment."

Colonel Burt wrote to his father :—

"I had already forwarded his name for gallantry in action on May 13th, 1915. Your son was beloved by all ranks in the Regiment, and his loss is very deeply felt."

Captain Grimshaw wrote :—

"He had been through every show the Regiment had been in since we came out, and in every one he had done well."

Captain C. G. Leslie wrote :—

"He and I were alone with the Squadron during the last hot weather in Egypt and brought it home at the beginning of the War. He was the only original Officer left in the Squadron, and he, Major Lomer, and myself the only three left who came back from Egypt with the Regiment.

"He would not have wished for a better death. During the hard times we had in the first and second Battles of Ypres, he was always conspicuous for his coolness under fire, and for the splendid example he set his men."



CHARLES HUMPHREY NEWTON-DEAKIN

CAPTAIN C. A. NICOL

Royal Highlanders

Moretons 92¹-95²

Aged 39

May 8th, 1917

FIFTH son of the late William Nicol, of St. Michael's Mount, Liverpool, and Craigisla, Forfarshire, N.B., and of Mrs. Nicol.

Married Dorothea Mildred, elder daughter of the late Robert Ring, Superintending Engineer, Mandalay, and leaves a daughter.

Captain Nicol served in the South African War, as a Trooper in Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, and received the Queen's Medal with three clasps.

He obtained a Commission in September, 1914, in the Black Watch and went to France in September, 1915. In the following November he accompanied his Regiment to Salonica. In January, 1916, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. He was killed on the night of May 8th, 1917, just west of Doiran, in the Battle of Doiran.



CHARLES ASHMORE NICOL

2ND LIEUTENANT H. N. NUTTALL

Army Service Corps

High Street 01²-05¹

Aged 30

July 5th, 1917

ELDER son of Harry Nuttall, M.P., of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, and of his wife, Edith Mary Nuttall.

Lincoln College, Oxford: B.A., 1909. India and China Merchant at Manchester.

Married, in 1914, Meryll Vernon, elder daughter of William Neild, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and leaves a widow and one son.

2nd Lieutenant Nuttall closed his business in order to join the Army, in October, 1915, and obtained a Commission in the Army Service Corps. He went to France in March, 1916, serving in Flanders. At the time of his death, on July 5th, 1917, which was caused by shell-fire, he was attached to the Heavy Brigade, Machine Gun Corps.



HARRY NORBURY NUTTALL

2ND LIEUTENANT A. M. OGILVIE

Gordon Highlanders

West Acre 11²-15³

Aged 20

October 5th, 1917

ONLY son of the late Andrew Jameson Ogilvie, of Murchison House, Tamala, and Karrarang, Western Australia, and of his wife, Ada Ogilvie, now Mrs. Ogilvie-Birkbeck.

Cadet Officer, O.T.C., 1915.

2nd Lieutenant Ogilvie, after training at Trinity College, Cambridge, received a Commission in the Gordon Highlanders in July, 1916. He went to the Front in the following October and was severely wounded in January, 1917. He was again wounded in June, 1917, but remained on duty until the Regiment went out of the line. He was killed on October 5th, 1917, just after a successful attack and advance. As he lay dying his last words were for his men's comfort.

Colonel Maitland wrote :—

“He will be a great loss to the Battalion, as he was liked by all Officers and men and was a very capable young Officer.”

The Chaplain wrote :—

“He will be greatly missed by his fellow-officers and the men of his Company, for he was much beloved.”

A brother-officer wrote to his mother :—

“The artillery fire was very violent, and it was then that your son gave us an insight into that marvellous character, with its smiling, assuring, utter contempt of it all. He stood up and talked to us, joking and absolutely unconcerned. . . . Once some of the men started to retire. Without waiting he leapt after them, rallied them and brought them back. I am proud to have known an Officer who lived a soldier's life so well, and who died true to every heritage and tradition of his race.”



ANDREW MAXWELL OGILVIE

LIEUTENANT E. H. PEMBER

Royal Field Artillery (attached R.F.C.)

Elmfield 11¹-15²

Aged 19

September 30th, 1917

ELDER and only surviving son of Francis William Pember (O.H.), Warden of All Souls' College, Oxford, and of his wife, the Hon. Margaret Bowen Pember.

Monitor, 1914. Head of his House. Mathematical Exhibition at Balliol, 1914.

Lieutenant Pember obtained a Commission in the Royal Field Artillery (Special Reserve) in July, 1915. He trained at Ipswich and left England on November 5th, 1915, for Suvla Bay, where he served till the evacuation. He then served in Egypt till the autumn of 1916, when he volunteered for the Flying Corps. He returned to England in November, 1916, and trained at Oxford, Netheravon, and Dover. Having obtained his 'Wings' as a Pilot in May, 1917, he was then sent to France. He was killed on September 30th, 1917, while flying over the enemy lines taking photographs, being attacked by four enemy scout machines, which came down on him from a cloud. He was seen by an eye-witness from the ground to be hit at the first discharge of their guns, and to fall on to his control. His machine thereupon crashed and came down practically in flames. He was killed not far from Acq, where the Aerodrome of his Squadron was, and is buried in the cemetery of Aubigny, not far from Arras and Lens.

His Squadron Commander, Major Eric Tyson, D.S.O., M.C., since died of wounds received in action, wrote :—

"I liked him directly he came to my Squadron, and I grew to like him more, I think, than anyone else in the Squadron. I knew him, not as a Junior Officer, but as a fellow whom I could trust, and as one who was ever willing and anxious to do more than his duty. I admired his courage and grit at sticking to a job. He was simply superb, and easily the most conscientious and caretaking Officer in my Squadron. I am indeed proud that he became what he did in my Squadron, and that I, as it were, produced him. . . . I never ordered him to do a job ; just asking him was quite enough, and this is what causes a Squadron Commander to be appreciative."



EDWARD HORACE PEMBER

CAPTAIN H. C. PEMBER

Household Battalion

The Park 93rd-97th

Aged 37

May 3rd, 1917

SECOND son of George Herbert Pember, J.P. for Hants, of Fair Oak Park, Eastleigh, and of his wife, the late Mary Louisa Pember.

.Football XI, 1896. New College, Oxford. Member of the London Stock Exchange.

Married, in 1908, Evelyn Mary, eldest daughter of Sir Amherst Selby-Bigge, K.C.B., and Lady Selby-Bigge, of 7 Wilbraham Place, S.W., and King's Sutton, Northants, and leaves three children.

Captain Pember served in the South African War in the Imperial Yeomanry, Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars. He rejoined this Regiment on the outbreak of the War as a 2nd Lieutenant and was promoted to the rank of Major. In 1916 he was transferred to the 2nd Life Guards and then to the Household Battalion. He went to the Front in January, 1917, and was present at the Battles of the Ancre and Arras. He was killed in the early morning of May 3rd, 1917, when leading an attack on Rœux. He got within ten yards of the German lines and then came under heavy machine gun fire, and the Battalion suffered very heavy losses. His brother-officers and men have spoken with the greatest admiration of his extraordinary cheerfulness and coolness both before and during the attack.

His Major wrote :—

“I saw him just prior to the attack in which he lost his life. His keenness and sound common sense at that time were remarkable. The last I heard of him was leading his men on quite calmly and collectedly in the face of very heavy fire.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“The last I saw of him he was walking slowly across the open with a walking-stick in his hand and his old pipe in his mouth at the head of his Company. Just after that they were caught by machine guns.”



HENRY CECIL PEMBER

MAJOR J. G. A. PORTER, D.S.O.

9th Lancers

The Grove 00²-04³

Aged 31

November 22nd, 1917

ELDEST son of John Porter and of his wife, Josephine Porter Porter, of Belle Isle, Co. Fermanagh, Ireland.

Football XI, 1904. 2nd Prize Middle-Weight Boxing in the Public Schools Competition at Aldershot, 1904.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married Enid, daughter of the late G. W. Assheton-Smith, of Vaynol.

Major Porter was gazetted to the 9th Lancers in 1906, joining his Regiment in South Africa. He went to the Front in August, 1914. He was wounded at Mons, and again in the following year, and was awarded the D.S.O. for conspicuous bravery in the field. In 1916 he returned to England for a course of flying, but after obtaining his 'Wings' he rejoined his Regiment at the Front, at the time of his death being Second-in-Command. He was killed during General Byng's advance on Cambrai on November 22nd, 1917, while holding a bridge over a Canal with a Squadron of the 9th Lancers until reserves should arrive. His brother, Lieut. H. A. Porter, was wounded at the same time.

The Brigadier of his Cavalry Brigade wrote:—

"I shall miss him terribly, for not only was 'Buzz' a personal friend and one of the last of the old 9th, but he was also as gallant a soul as ever lived. . . . We are still in the thick of it, and a desperate battle is raging as I write, so please excuse more, but I wanted you both to realize how deeply we all deplore that such a very gallant 9th Lancer should have joined the ranks of those other gallant souls whose bodies lie buried out here. But 'Buzz' left behind him a wonderful example of fearlessness, and I personally have often been thankful for his example."

The Chaplain wrote:—

"The two brothers fought a great fight for the bridgehead—the key of the whole position—against a very heavy German attack, and held it successfully with their men. 'Buzz' was hit twice through the body, and we brought him down to the ambulance. He talked to me all the way down about the men and how well they had done, and not wishing us to trouble about him, as he knew he was bad. . . . 'Buzz' was a very great friend of mine and I knew him and loved him very much. He was the truest of men."



JOHN GREY ARCHDALE PORTER

MAJOR G. F. W. POWELL

Kent Cyclist Battalion

The Headmaster's 06²-10²

Aged 26

July 29th, 1917

SECOND son of Charles Watson Powell, D.L., of The Manor House, Speldhurst, Kent, and of his wife, Elizabeth Constance Powell.

Magdalen College, Oxford: B.A. Called to the Bar of the Inner Temple.

Major Powell had before the War obtained a Commission in the Kent Cyclist Battalion and was promoted Captain in 1914. Not wishing to go to India he transferred to 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment and went to France in May, 1917, having just been promoted Major. He was killed by a shell on July 29th, 1917, and is buried in the Dickebusch New Military Cemetery, S.W. of Ypres.



GERALD FREDERICK WATSON POWELL

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. C. PRATT, D.S.O.

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

West Acre 88²-92¹

Aged 43

August 16th, 1917

SECOND son of Joseph Pratt, D.L., J.P., of Enniscoe, Crossmolina, Ireland, and of his wife, Madeline Charlotte Eliza Pratt.

Lieut.-Colonel Pratt was gazetted to the 1st Battalion Royal Scots in 1895, and was promoted Lieutenant in 1896, and Captain in 1902. He served with his Battalion in the South African War, was mentioned in Despatches, and received the Queen's Medal with three clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps. He retired in 1913.

On the outbreak of the War he rejoined the Service as Second-in-Command of the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers, and in August, 1916, he was given command of the 11th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was twice mentioned in Despatches and received the D.S.O. He was killed by a shell outside his dug-out on his way up to Battalion Battle Headquarters before an attack, on August 16th, 1917.

General Nugent, General of Division, wrote :—

"Audley was an ideal C.O. for a Battalion of Irishmen, especially of so good a class as those he commanded. His cheeriness and unflagging high spirits were an inspiration to his Battalion. He loved them all, and they loved him. They were always 'his boys' and 'my old dog pack!'"

General Ricardo, General of Brigade, wrote to his father :—

"He occupied a unique position in the Brigade. He always conveyed something of his own cheery humour to those he was with. It always did me good to meet Audley Pratt, and I have known few men out here who kept their heads up higher than your son. He had a splendid Battalion, which he had imbued with his spirit; indeed, he was an inspiration to us all."

Colonel Blacker, 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers, wrote :—

"I was selfishly grieved when he left me to command the 11th, as our companionship out there had been very close and real, and he had worked so hard for the efficiency of the 9th, but I realized it was bound to come. He did wonders for his new men, who all adored him."

Major Knott, 11th Royal Inniskillings, wrote :—

"The whole Battalion is extremely grieved about it, as I daresay you know how popular he was, and how he lived for the Battalion and worked night and day in its interests."



AUDLEY CHARLES PRATT

LIEUT.-COLONEL G. K. PRIAULX, D.S.O.

King's Royal Rifle Corps

West Acre 91³-94³

Aged 40

March 24th, 1918

SECOND SON of the late Osmond de Lancey Priaulx, of The Mount, Guernsey, and of Mrs. Priaulx.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieut.-Colonel Priaulx received his Commission in 1898, and joined the 3rd Battalion 60th Rifles. He served throughout the South African War, being present at the Battles of Colenso, Spion Kop, Tugela Heights, Laing's Nek, and at the Relief of Ladysmith. He was mentioned in Despatches, and in 1900 was promoted Captain. After peace was declared he went with the 2nd Battalion to India.

He left for France in August, 1914, with the 1st Division, and was dangerously wounded on the Marne in September. The following year, while in command of the 2nd Battalion, he was again severely wounded at Loos. In 1916, while commanding the 11th Battalion, which captured the village of Metz, he was present at the operations near Langemarck, Creve-cœur, and Cambrai. He was killed on March 24th, 1918, at Voyennes in the St. Quentin offensive, being first shot through the shoulder and then killed by a shell.

In March, 1917, he received the D.S.O. "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command. With the utmost confidence and determination he fought his Battalion through the village, overcoming all obstacles and gaining his objectives. He set a magnificent example throughout."

A Staff Officer, H.Q. 18th Corps, wrote :—

"On March 24th, 1918, when we were particularly hard pressed, his Battalion was making a very plucky stand at Voyennes, near St. Quentin; he was hit through the shoulder and a few minutes later was killed by a shell. I need hardly tell you what a tremendous loss he was to the Division. His Battalion loved him and would have followed him anywhere. A splendid C.O. . . . he did not seem to know what fear was."



GEORGE KENDALL PRIAULX

CAPTAIN J. M. RAMSAY

Rifle Brigade

The Headmaster's 11²-15²

Aged 19

April 13th, 1917

ELDEST son of Marmaduke Francis Ramsay (O.H.), Landowner and J.P. for Kent, of Dane Court, Eastry, Kent, and of his wife, Alice Ramsay. Cricket XI, 1915.
R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

Captain Ramsay received his Commission in the Rifle Brigade in January, 1916, joining the 6th Battalion at Sheerness. Whilst there his Colonel wrote to a brother-officer who had recommended him: "Send me along some more of that sort, he is just the fellow one wants." He went to France in September, 1916, joining the 10th Battalion. He was made Sniping Officer almost immediately and within a few weeks became Battalion Intelligence Officer, Assistant Adjutant, and Mess President. In the following December he was promoted Lieutenant and given temporary command of a Company in February, 1917, being gazetted Acting Captain on April 2nd. Next day, on April 3rd, 1917, he was severely wounded in the lung whilst his Battalion was taking Metz-en-Couture. He was carried down to the Casualty Clearing Station at Bray, where, in spite of the greatest care, he died on April 13th.

The General commanding the Brigade wrote :—

"The Battalion has suffered a very severe loss in Jack. Major Troughton, who has been commanding for some time in the absence of Colonel Lascelles, always had a good word to tell me about Jack, whenever I met him. The fact of his being appointed Assistant Adjutant and Battalion Intelligence Officer within a few weeks of his joining shows you what Colonel Lascelles thought of him."

The Major commanding the 10th Battalion Rifle Brigade wrote :—

"I can't tell you how much we all miss him; he had done so splendidly in the line that I gave him a Company not very long ago. We have never had a more gallant and plucky Officer. He seemed to have no fear whatever under any sort of shell or machine-gun fire, and the men followed him anywhere. I heard an Officer say of him a few days before he was hit: 'Ramsay chances it a bit too much sometimes,' but, as I am sure you know, it is Officers like him who make us what we are."



JOHN MARMADUKE RAMSAY

MAJOR E. E. RICH, D.S.O.

Royal Horse Artillery

Newlands 98¹-01²

Aged 33

December 1st, 1917

ONLY son of Evelyn Rich, Surgeon, of Beenham, Marlow, and of his wife, Mary Rich, late of 12 Wilton Street, Grosvenor Square.

Married, in 1911, Claire, only daughter of John Deurance, of Cranmore Place, Chislehurst.

Major Rich joined the Hampshire Artillery Militia in 1902, and served in the latter part of the South African War, receiving the King's Medal. From 1903 to 1910 he served in the Royal Field Artillery, and in 1911 transferred to the Horse Artillery. In 1914 he was Adjutant of the Shropshire Horse Artillery and subsequently took command of B Battery, R.F.A., 90th Brigade, which he took to France in July, 1915. He was then promoted Major and given command of U Battery, R.H.A. He was shot by a sniper, on December 1st, 1917, when observing the fire of his Battery in the Battle of Cambrai, and died of his wounds on the same day at the Casualty Clearing Station at Villers Fauçon, where he is buried.

He was awarded the D.S.O. : "For continuous good work as Battery Commander in France, including the Somme offensive in July and August, 1916, in the 20th Division, and 15th September, 1916, and onwards in U Battery, R.H.A. He has at all times set an admirable example of courage and coolness under fire and has kept his Battery at a very high pitch of efficiency."

Major-General J. B. Seely, D.S.O., M.P., wrote :—

"All I can say is that he was one of the finest young Officers I have ever met—that his courage and keenness were an example to us all, and we shall never forget how much we owe him."

Lieut.-Colonel H. Ricardo wrote :—

"He was such a fine fellow and we were devoted to him. He was the greatest assistance to me, and I sent in a special letter about him."

Major A. Cunningham, 20th Division, R.F.A., wrote :—

"The Regiment can ill afford to spare Officers such as he was—the best and most popular Battery Commander I know."

The Chaplain wrote :—

"He was the very ideal of a gallant soldier. Every Officer and man was devoted to him, he did so much for us all."



ERNEST EVELYN RICH

LIEUTENANT H. Q. RIDLEY

Australian Imperial Force

The Park 97¹-01²

Aged 34

October 12th, 1917

ELDEST son of the late Musgrave Ridley (O.H.), Timber Merchant, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and his wife, Emily Ridley, of Burnside, Cranleigh, Surrey.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Was a Timber Merchant for six years, and in 1913 went out to West Australia to farm.

Lieutenant Ridley, who was in Australia when the War broke out, joined the Australian Infantry and came to England in March, 1917, with his Regiment, after training in Australia. He went to France in May, 1917, and was present at the Battle of Messines Ridge and various other engagements. He came home on leave in September, 1917, and, on his return to France shortly afterwards, was killed by a shell which burst at his feet, in the early morning of October 12th, 1917, near Zonnebeke.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was without doubt the best loved man in the Battalion. Officers and men alike loved, admired, and respected him. He was one of the bravest and straightest men I ever met—a gentleman always, in every way. The Battalion has had many popular, and many efficient Officers, but I know of no other Officer who was everything an Officer should be, from the point of view of the C.O., the Company Commander, the N.C.O.’s, and the men, and yet was popular with them all.”

Another wrote :—

“I can safely say no more popular Officer ever joined the Battalion, and his death came as a very heavy blow to us all. Loved by the Officers and worshipped by the men, he did his duty nobly and died a soldier and a man.”

Another wrote :—

“Henry was one of the whitest men you could find anywhere and was always loved wherever he went. His men here are all universal in their praise and appreciation of him as an Officer.”



HENRY QUENTIN RIDLEY

LIEUTENANT F. C. L. RIDPATH

Royal West Surrey Regiment

The Knoll 983-031

Aged 33

December 27th, 1917

SECOND son of Edward Ridpath, of 210 Adelaide Road, Hampstead, and of his wife, Ellen Georgiana Ridpath.

Admitted Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1910, and became partner in the firm of Wright, Wake, Price & Co., Chartered Accountants, in 1914.

Lieutenant Ridpath joined the Artists Rifles in September, 1914, and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal West Surrey Regiment in November, 1916. He left England for Palestine in the following June and was killed in action at Ras-ez-Za on December 27th, 1917, during the Turkish attempt to recapture Jerusalem.

Lieut.-Colonel S. D. Roper wrote to his mother :—

“Your son was most conspicuous in repelling a strong Turkish attack on December 27th, when he was shot through the head and killed instantaneously. We have buried him in our little military cemetery on the Mount of Olives, in view of the scene of his gallant defence.”

His Colonel wrote to his mother :—

“All ranks of this Battalion grieve over the loss of a splendid fellow.”



FREDERICK CECIL LACEY RIDPATH

CAPTAIN P. V. ROSE

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Druries 83³-84³

Aged 48

April 25th, 1917

ELDEST son of Sir Philip Frederick Rose, Bart. (O.H.), of Rayners, Penn, Bucks, and of Lady Rose.

Solicitor and Partner in his father's Firm of Rose & Co.

Solicitor to the L.B. & S.C. Railway Co.

Married, in 1899, Maude Winifred, daughter of William Gillilan, of Palace Gate, and leaves a son and two daughters.

Captain Rose had served for ten years in the old Royal Bucks (King's Own) Militia, retiring as Captain. When the War broke out he offered his services as an old Militia Officer and was gazetted Captain in the 7th Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, but was immediately seconded for Staff work and became Staff Captain of the 63rd Infantry Brigade (21st Division), and was for some months Acting Brigade-Major.

He went to France with the 21st Division in September, 1915, in which month his Division took part in the attack on Hill 70 in the Battle of Loos. He was hit in the right thigh when going back to bring up the 64th Brigade and left lying on the ground during the night. He was persistently fired at by a German sniper, who succeeded in again wounding him in the right arm, which had later to be amputated. For fifteen months he was a prisoner of war, principally at Aix-la-Chapelle. In December, 1916, he was exchanged, but died on April 25th, 1917, from heart failure, whilst under chloroform during an operation to straighten his distorted feet, at the Military Orthopaedic Hospital, Shepherd's Bush.

Captain Vardy, who was attached to the Staff of the 63rd Brigade at the Battle of Loos, wrote :—

“I counted him amongst my few very real friends, and there is not one of us who knew him in the early days of this awful War but will be deeply grieved at his loss.”



PHILIP VIVIAN ROSE

CAPTAIN J. R. ROWLEY

Highland Light Infantry

Druries 063-102

Aged 24

November 2nd, 1917

SECOND son of Sir Joshua T. Rowley (O.H.), 5th Bart., of Tendring Hall, Stoke-by-Nayland, and Holbecks, Hadleigh, Suffolk, and of the Hon. Lady Rowley.

Spent some time in France and Germany, and was then for two years at Messrs. Barclays Bank in Ipswich and London, during which time he raised a Company of Territorials in Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Captain Rowley joined the Suffolk Regiment (T.F.) in 1912 ; he was mobilized with his Regiment on the outbreak of the War and accompanied the 1/5 Suffolk Regiment to the Dardanelles, landing at Suvla Bay in July, 1915. He went through the Gallipoli campaign and for his services received a Commission as Captain in the Highland Light Infantry, but continued to serve with his old Regiment. In December, 1915, he went to Egypt, and it was at the Battle of Gaza on November 2nd, 1917, that he was killed, while leading his men into action.

His Colonel wrote :—

“I am most awfully cut up. He died, as you would have wished, at the head of his men.”

His first Colonel, who was with him in Gallipoli, wrote :—

“One of the best who ever had to lead men—I always found him dependable as a rock.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“You can have no idea how we miss him, his death has made a vacancy which no one else can quite fill. Everybody in the Battalion loved him.”

Another wrote :—

“He will always be remembered as one of the best Officers that ever breathed. He was absolutely adored by the men of his Company.”

The Chaplain of his Battalion wrote :—

“He was the most popular Officer in the Battalion. Words cannot express our sorrow.”



JOSHUA ROBERT ROWLEY

MAJOR THE HON. R. N. D. RYDER

8th Hussars

The Headmaster's 97²-00¹

Aged 34

November 30th, 1917

YOUNGEST son of the fourth Earl of Harrowby (O.H.), and of his wife Susan, daughter of the late Villiers Dent, and brother of the present Earl.

Married, in 1908, Beryl, only daughter of C. H. Angus, of South Australia, and leaves a twin boy and girl.

Major Ryder went direct from Harrow to join the 4th North Staffordshire Militia in the South African War and received his Commission in the 8th Hussars in 1900. He received the Queen's and King's Medals with five clasps. In 1905 he went to South Australia as A.D.C. to Sir G. R. le Hunte, returning to England in 1908. He was Adjutant to the Norfolk Yeomanry from 1909 to 1913.

He went to the Front with his Regiment in October, 1914, and remained there for three years, until his death on November 30th, 1917. He was killed instantaneously by a sniper while holding up a big enemy attack just after the Germans had broken through at Gouzeaucourt. For fourteen months before his death he had been in command of a Squadron. He was buried just south of Gouzeaucourt.

Colonel Mort wrote :—

"He led his Squadron most gallantly through heavy machine gun and shell fire and took up a position and stopped a big German attack. The whole Squadron did wonderfully well, and 'the Babe' set them a splendid example. I have lost a great personal friend as well as a very fine Officer."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"I was with him until just before he was killed, and all through the rather trying half-hour that we had he was perfectly cool and showed absolutely no sense of fear. It was his gallant leading that got us there just in time to stop a Bosch attack, and we all sincerely hope that he will receive some recognition for his services. All the men of the Squadron volunteered to get his body in, and I am afraid that both Officers and men broke down when he was brought in."

Another wrote :—

"The world is much the poorer for his going, but he will leave it the better for his work in it."



ROBERT NATHANIEL DUDLEY RYDER

CAPTAIN M. E. H. SCHIFF

Suffolk Regiment

Moretons 02²-07²

Aged 28

September 25th, 1917

ONLY SON of the late Hermann Schiff and of Mrs. Schiff, of 14 Hyde Park Square.

Scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge, 1907. 1st Class History Tripos, Part I, 1909; 1st Class Law Tripos, B.A., LL.B., 1910.

Was articled to Messrs. Stephenson, Harwood & Co., Solicitors, and in 1913, after qualifying as a Solicitor in the 1st Class, he re-entered this Firm.

Captain Schiff joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. soon after the outbreak of the War, and on receiving his Commission in the Suffolk Regiment was for a time Musketry Officer at Hythe. In January, 1917, having by then been promoted to the rank of Captain, he went to the Front. On September 25th, 1917, he led his Company in a raid at Gouzeaucourt, during which he was seriously wounded, and was reported 'missing' from that date. His death has now been presumed.

His Colonel, who has since been killed, wrote :—

"The whole Regiment is very much upset about it, and I myself especially so. He was a very gallant, efficient, and dependable Officer. He was loyalty itself, and I had only to express a wish and the work was done. I shall miss him horribly, for he was a real friend, as well as my best Company Commander. He died at the head of his men, by whom he was not only respected but beloved, at the moment of success, and I know that that is the death he would have chosen."



MORTIMER EDWARD HAROLD SCHIFF

LIEUTENANT C. B. SCOTT

1st (Royal) Dragoons

Rendalls 09³-14²

Aged 21

November 20th, 1917

ELDER SON of Major C. T. Scott, of Buckland Manor, Broadway, Worcestershire, and of Mrs. Scott.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1914.

Lieutenant Scott received his Commission in the Royals in December, 1914, and, after training with the Cavalry Reserve at York, was sent with his Regiment to France in October, 1915. In October, 1916, he was attached to the Cavalry Corps Signals and worked with that unit until his death.

On November 20th, 1917, the O.C. Cavalry Corps Signals was asked to choose a specially good Officer to command a party to lay a telegraph cable forward, as close as possible behind the attacking infantry, for the use of the Cavalry Corps in its subsequent advance. Lieutenant C. B. Scott was chosen as the most capable and dependable Officer. He had four miles to go beyond our original front line and had covered a mile when he was hit by a piece of shell in the back and shoulders and died soon afterwards without recovering consciousness. But he had already organized his particular work so well that his sergeant was able to carry on, and that work proved invaluable afterwards.

The C.O. of his Signals Unit wrote :—

“The debt of gratitude that I owed him can never be repaid. . . . He will remain an example for us to admire and respect, and we shall always love his memory.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“‘Bunny’ was loved by Officers, N.C.O.’s, and men, and his loss is deeply deplored. He was a first-rate Officer in every respect and one of the sort we are proud to have in the Royals.”

The Colonel of the Royal Dragoons wrote :—

“We all loved ‘Bunny’; he was such a charming companion, and I held him in great esteem as a very good young Officer.”



CHARLES BROUGH SCOTT

LIEUTENANT H. J. SNOWDEN

South Lancashire Regiment (attached R.F.C.)

Moretons 11²-15²

Aged 20

August 11th, 1917

YOUNGEST son of the late Joseph Snowden, and of Mrs. Snowden, of The Chantrey, Stanmore, Middlesex.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieutenant Snowden was gazetted to the South Lancashire Regiment in January, 1916, and went to France with the 2nd Battalion in the following September. In May, 1917, he returned to England in order to become an Observer in the Royal Flying Corps. After training at Brooklands he returned to France in July, 1917, and on the 31st of that month was wounded in the arm by a land gun, whilst flying over the German lines. He was brought at once to England, but died in hospital on August 11th, 1917.



HAROLD JACKSON SNOWDEN

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. R. STEWART, D.S.O., M.C.

Rifle Brigade

Druries 01³-06²

Aged 30

April 8th, 1918

ONLY son of the late Major-General the Hon. Alexander Stewart (O.H.), and of his wife, now Mrs. Basil Anstruther, of 36 Lennox Gardens, S.W.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married, in 1914, Mollie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riversdale Grenfell, of Welwyn, and leaves two sons.

Lieut.-Colonel Stewart, on passing out of Sandhurst, entered the Rifle Brigade. He went to France in May, 1915, as Adjutant of the 7th Battalion and took part in the Battle of Hooge. In February, 1916, he became Brigade-Major of the 41st Brigade, and in the following June was awarded the Military Cross. In June, 1916, he was given command of the 8th Battalion, but was wounded almost immediately afterwards in the Battle of the Somme. He was mentioned in Despatches in January, 1917. On returning to France after an interval of six months he was given command of the 13th Battalion, and, after taking part in the Battle of Arras, he was again mentioned in Despatches and awarded the D.S.O. He was killed on April 8th, 1918, by a sniper near Gommecourt.

His Divisional General wrote :—

“ He was beloved by his Battalion, which he had raised—both Officers and men—to a very high level of efficiency. His loss is irreparable to us all, and the Army has lost a brilliant leader, just on the threshold of his career. I shall always be grateful to him for the magnificent example he set to his Battalion, and to the whole Division, of what a Commanding Officer should be.”

His Adjutant wrote :—

“ The men in the Battalion simply worshipped him, and, as I went round the following morning, every single man expressed his sorrow at losing the best Commanding Officer they had ever had.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“ We do not presume to praise him, we adored him, and our Mess never seemed complete without him.”

Another wrote :—

“ The Colonel's personality and charm of manner made him beloved by everyone who came in contact with him. His place in the Battalion can never be filled by anyone, for no one could be the same.”



WALTER ROBERT STEWART

CAPTAIN W. N. STONE, V.C.

Royal Fusiliers

The Headmaster's 063-107

Aged 25

November 30th, 1917

FIFTH and youngest son of Edward Stone, Solicitor, and of his wife, Emily Frances Stone, *née* Miéville.

Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1910.

On leaving Cambridge went to Regina, Canada, and afterwards to Toronto, where he studied land surveying.

Captain Stone returned to England from Canada on the outbreak of the War and joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. in November, 1914. The following month he went to the R.M.C., Sandhurst, and was gazetted to the 3rd Royal Fusiliers in May, 1915. He became Lieutenant in March, 1916, and Acting Captain in the following November.

He left for France in September, 1915, and four months afterwards was appointed Acting Staff Captain to the 5th Brigade H.Q.

He was killed in action between Bourslon Wood and Mœuvres, during the Battle of Cambrai, on November 30th, 1917, and for his conduct on that day was awarded the Victoria Cross.

The following appeared in the "London Gazette Supplement," February 13th, 1918 :—

"The King has been pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the following Officer : Lt. (A/Capt.) Walter Napleton Stone, late R. Fusiliers. For most conspicuous bravery when in command of a Company in an isolated position, 1000 yards in front of the main line, and overlooking the enemy's position. He observed the enemy massing for an attack and afforded invaluable information to Battalion Headquarters. He was ordered to withdraw his Company, leaving a rearguard to cover the withdrawal. The attack developing with unexpected speed, Captain Stone sent three Platoons back and remained with the rearguard himself. He stood on the parapet with the telephone under a tremendous bombardment, observing the enemy, and continued to send back valuable information until the wire was cut by his orders. The rearguard was eventually surrounded and cut to pieces, and Captain Stone was seen fighting to the last, till he was shot through the head. The extraordinary coolness of this heroic Officer and the accuracy of his information enabled dispositions to be made just in time to save the line and avert disaster."



WALTER NAPLETON STONE

2ND LIEUTENANT T. S. V. STONEY

Irish Guards

Elmfield 12³-16³

Aged 19

October 9th, 1917

ELDEST son of Robert Vesey Stoney, of Rosturk Castle, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland, and of Mrs. Stoney.

Monitor, 1916. Head of his House.

Matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford.

2nd Lieutenant Stoney, on leaving School, obtained a Commission in the Irish Guards and went to France in September, 1917. He was killed less than three weeks after, on October 9th, leading his Platoon in an attack on the German lines near Polygon Wood.

Colonel Pollok, Irish Guards, wrote :—

“He was a good, keen boy, and would have made a splendid soldier. I saw him just before he was killed, and just before we reached our final objective. He was full of keenness and excitement, and was doing splendidly. . . . He was killed instantaneously near Polygon Wood, leading his Platoon, and died a very gallant death.”

He left a letter to his parents, to be posted in case of his death, of which the following is a part :—

“I am going into the line to-night ; to-morrow at 6 a.m. I go over the top. The 1st Battalion Irish Guards have the honour of taking the furthest objectives. . . . At the present moment I feel perfectly happy. I know that God will be with me during the attack, to help, guide, and comfort me, and, if He sees fit, protect me from all harm and danger. I know that if I die I shall go to my Father's House, and be there before Him till you come ; and that in case of my death He will comfort you. . . . This knowledge is enough for any man, and I thank you and Him for it.”



THOMAS SAMUEL VESEY STONEY

LIEUTENANT D. C. SYKES, M.C.

King's Own Scottish Borderers

West Acre 05*-08²

Aged 26

July 26th, 1917

SECOND son of Walter Sykes, of The Drewitts, Warninglid, Sussex, and of Mrs. Sykes.

At the outbreak of the War Lieutenant Sykes was in the Essex Yeomanry, but was invalided out on account of an operation. He subsequently obtained a Commission in the Border Regiment in November, 1915, and went to France in the following July. He was wounded for the first time in August, 1916, and, returning to France six months later, was again wounded in July, 1917, when taking part in a raid on the enemy trenches. He died of his wounds at La Panne on July 26th, 1917.

The services for which he received his M.C. were thus described :—
“During an attack his Battalion was held up by heavy rifle and machine gun fire from a strong post. He at once reformed and reorganized his Platoon and attacked the post in a most gallant manner. He was the first to enter the strong post and personally accounted for five of the enemy.”

Lieut.-Colonel Girdwood wrote :—

“He was hit in the head by a bit of a bomb. . . . He is a ‘tough nut’ and will be all right soon, though you will have him home for some months, as head wounds are nasty things. His party did very well, and he trained them, so he will be pleased. He is a fine boy, a good soldier, and very plucky. I shall miss him very much.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“It was only this morning that I heard of poor old Bill’s death ; it came as a great shock to me, as I heard he was getting on well. . . . It may ease things to know that Bill died doing his duty as few men do it, and I can say that there was not a man in the Company who would not have followed him anywhere and considered it a favour to be chosen by him for any special job.”

His House Master wrote of him whilst at Harrow :—

“I hear nothing but good of him, and such a boy is invaluable in a house. A good, straight, honest gentleman, of whom you may be justifiably proud.”



DOUGLAS COLLET SYKES

2ND LIEUTENANT L. C. S. TATHAM

Royal Air Force

The Knoll, 10³-12¹

Aged 22

January 10th, 1918

SECOND son of the late Stanley Tatham, of Branksome Park, Bournemouth West, and of his wife, Frances Emma Constance Tatham, of 2 St. George's Court, Gloucester Road, S.W.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

2nd Lieutenant Tatham, who on account of ill-health had previously only been able to do Red Cross work in England and France, joined the Royal Air Force in June, 1917, getting his 'Wings' in the following December. He went to France in October, 1917. On January 10th, 1918, he had been taking observations over the German lines, when he was hit by a shell and fell on Vimy Ridge.

His Major wrote :—

"He was keen and thoroughly conscientious in all his jobs and was doing very well indeed at Observing. I could trust him always to try his hardest to carry out his work. He is a great loss to our Squadron and our Mess, in which he was universally liked. We are all sorry to lose him, and we now honour his memory and keep him in our thoughts as one of our heroes."

His Flight Commander wrote :—

"I felt his loss keenly, his cheerfulness and example were a lesson to us all."



LAWRENCE CASTELL STANLEY TATHAM

CAPTAIN S. B. TUBBS

Gloucestershire Regiment

High Street 09¹-12¹

Aged 23

August 22nd, 1917

SECOND SON of Percy Burnell Tubbs, F.R.I.B.A., and past President of the Society of Architects, of 2 Moore Street, Cadogan Square, S.W., and of his wife, Alice Maude Tubbs.

Fives Pair.

Joined his grandfather's business, Messrs. Tubbs, Lewis & Co., of 29-30 Noble Street, E.C., and Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

Captain Tubbs joined the 5th Gloucestershire Regiment as a Private in September, 1914, and received his Commission about a month later in the 2/5 Battalion of that Regiment. He went to the Front with his Battalion in May, 1916, having been promoted to the rank of Captain. At the end of 1916, after being recommended for the M.C., he was invalided home with trench fever and rheumatism, but returned to the Front in May, 1917, where he acted as Adjutant till the following August, when he was given charge of the newly re-formed D Company. He was instantaneously killed by a shell on August 22nd, 1917, four miles in front of Ypres, and was buried in the cemetery at Ypres.

The Second-in-Command of his Battalion wrote :—

"The loss to the Battalion is greater than I can describe to you, and I feel we can never replace him. He was loved by all, both Officers and men, and we have never had in this Battalion, since it was formed, a more popular, sounder, or more cheerful Officer than he was. He was given a new Company to form, less than six weeks ago, and it is already acknowledged by all to be quite the best in the Battalion, which says a great deal for his powers of leadership and control of men. . . . His Company did wonderfully good work, as did the rest of his Regiment."

Colonel the Hon. B. Bathurst wrote to his father :—

"The letter from the Second-in-Command is perfectly correct, and there could never be a more popular or cheery Officer than was your son. From the day he joined the Battalion to the day I handed over the command I have nothing but the most pleasant and affectionate memories of him, as the keenest and most charming of brother-officers."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"The Company has had a very serious blow in his death, and they all feel it terribly. If you could only see the expression of sympathy by the men of this Company I think you would feel very proud of him."



SEYMOUR BURNELL TUBBS

CADET A. J. TURNER

Garrison Officer Cadet Battalion

The Park 11²-14²

Aged 19

July 31st, 1917

ONLY son of Arthur William Turner (O.H.), of Fitzroy, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, and of Mrs. Turner.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

Cadet Turner was obliged to leave Sandhurst owing to ill-health. He was on sick leave for over a year, after which time he was sent by the War Office to complete his training at Cambridge, for garrison duty at home. He thereupon joined the Garrison Officer Cadet Battalion at Cambridge, where, after being in hospital for over four months, he died of blood-poisoning on July 31st, 1917.

Lieut.-Colonel Cradock, G.O.C.B., wrote to his father :—

“I write to tell you how deeply grieved I am to hear of the death of your son, and to express the deepest sympathy of myself and all ranks of this Battalion with you and your family in your great loss. Whilst here your son was most popular with all his comrades.”



ARTHUR JEFFERY TURNER

MAJOR A. T. WATSON

King's Royal Rifles

Moretons 84³-86²

Aged 47

August 5th, 1917

LAST surviving of the four sons of W. H. Watson, of Burnopfield House, Durham, and of Mrs. Watson.

Trinity Hall, Cambridge : B.A. 1892, M.A. 1899.

Managing Director of the Hamsterley Colliery, the property of his family.

Married, in 1901, Virginia, daughter of Captain Ellis Brooke Cunliffe, of Petton Park, Shropshire, and leaves a son and a daughter.

Major Watson was given a Commission in September, 1914, in the Remount Department. A year later he transferred to the 21st King's Royal Rifles, 'Yeoman Rifles,' and went to France in May, 1916. He was wounded in the following September, at the Battle of the Somme, during the attack on Flers. He rejoined his Battalion in April, 1917, and commanded a Company in the Battle of Messines in the June of that year. He was mortally wounded by a shell on August 5th, 1917, and died four hours later.

A brother-officer wrote :—

"It needs no words of mine to tell you how much the Regiment will miss him as an Officer, or we who served with him as a friend. Some day I would like again to meet your boy and to tell him something of his father as we knew him in France—of the thoroughness of all he did, of his care and pride in his men, and of his unfailing kindness to and understanding of the younger Officers who served under him."

Another wrote :—

"We are all so sorry. He was a fine chap, and there was not a more stout-hearted man serving the King."

Another wrote :—

"We all admired him for his pluck and endurance in the trying days after the 7th of June. The way he worked and the cheerfulness he showed were amazing."

Another wrote :—

"I never knew anyone so bold and with such a fine sense of duty. He loved his men, and his only thought was always for them."

Another wrote :—

"I do not think a braver man ever lived, or one that despised personal danger more."



ARTHUR TOWARD WATSON

LIEUTENANT P. ST. G. C. WESTBY

Royal Field Artillery

West Acre 03¹-07¹

Aged 28

September 23rd, 1917

ELDEST son of Francis Vandeleur Westby, J.P., D.L., of Roebuck Castle, Dundrum, Co. Dublin, and of Mrs. Westby.

Trinity College, Cambridge : B.A. 1911. Studied for the Diplomatic Service in France and Germany.

Lieutenant Westby joined the Royal Field Artillery in November, 1914, as 2nd Lieutenant, and was appointed temporary Captain in July, 1915, and permanent Lieutenant in June, 1916. He accompanied the 59th Division to France in March, 1917, and was constantly in action with his Battery, which on several occasions he commanded. He was killed by a shell on September 23rd, 1917, when changing position on the Cambridge Road, east of Ypres, during the third Battle of Ypres.



PERCIVAL ST. GEORGE CHARLES WESTBY

LIEUTENANT W. H. WHETSTONE

Coldstream Guards

The Headmaster's 11²-15²

Aged 20

March 28th, 1918

SECOND SON of the late Walter Whetstone, Solicitor, of Shirley Lodge, Knighton, Leicester, and of Lady Hiley, of Beechfield, Edgbaston.

Won the Yates Thompson Prize.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

Lieutenant Whetstone was gazetted to the Coldstream Guards in December, 1915, and went to the Front in the following July. He was severely wounded in the Battle of the Somme in September, 1916, but returned to the Front a year later and took part in the fighting at Cambrai and the recapture of Gouzeaucourt in December, 1917.

He was in action with his Battalion from March 21st, 1918, until the evening of March 28th, when, shortly after taking over the command of his Company, he was killed by a shell a few miles south of Arras.

His Colonel wrote:—

“He is a very great loss to the Regiment, and we can ill afford to lose men like him, both as a soldier and a brother-officer. I, of course, saw a great deal of him when he first joined, as I was his Commanding Officer, and he fully bore out my highest expectations—he did gloriously.”



WALTER HUGH WHETSTONE

2ND LIEUTENANT C. E. WILLIAMS

Army Service Corps

West Acre 971-002

Aged 35

October 17th, 1917

SECOND son of Frederick G. Williams, of Westwood, Upper Norwood, and of Mrs. Williams, and grandson of Sir George Williams, founder of the Y.M.C.A.

Trinity College, Cambridge : B.A., 1903.

Was married, and leaves a widow and two children.

2nd Lieutenant Williams gave up his position in the City soon after the outbreak of the War, in order to work in a Munition Factory, in which he remained until early in 1917, when he joined an O.T.C. and subsequently obtained a Commission.

He was killed in East Africa on October 17th, 1917, a few weeks after landing.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He took out his convoy and a puncture occurred on the last car. He stopped and stayed behind to mend it, sending the remainder of the convoy on to its destination. While mending the car they were attacked by a sniping party. Two men were killed and one wounded, and Colin, after accounting for several of the enemy, unfortunately fell. Everyone out here is very grieved, as he was so well liked and respected by both Officers and men. He was one of the best men I ever had the honour to know. He played the game like a sportsman and died like a soldier.”



COLIN ERNEST WILLIAMS

2ND LIEUTENANT T. B. WILSON

Irish Guards

High Street 06²-11²

Aged 25

July 18th, 1917

YOUNGEST son of Henry Walter Wilson, of 8 Bickenhall Mansions, Gloucester Place, W., and of his wife, Mary Wilson.

Cricket XI, 1909-11. Fives Pair, 1910-11.

Pembroke College, Cambridge : B.A. 1914.

2nd Lieutenant Wilson joined the 16th Middlesex Regiment, then a Public School Corps, in September, 1914, and saw active service in France from November, 1915, to April, 1916, when he was invalided home. After some months' sick leave he applied for and was given a Commission in the Irish Guards and returned to the Front in June, 1917. He was killed on July 18th, 1917, by the bursting of a shell at Canada Farm, Elverdinge, near Ypres.

His Colonel wrote to his father:—

“Your son had not been with the Battalion very long, but I had had ample time to realize what an efficient and conscientious Officer I have lost. The only comfort one can get is in the fact that his death was quite instantaneous.”

The Captain of his Company wrote:—

“I feel I must write and tell you how much we feel his loss, and I liked him very much.”



THOMAS BONHOTE WILSON

PRIVATE W. T. WINTHROP

Australian Imperial Force

The Headmaster's 89³-93²

Aged 40

June 7th, 1917

ELDEST son of the late Benjamin Winthrop (O.H.), of Barton Court, Hungerford, and of his wife, Constance Winthrop, of Bucksford, Ashford, Kent.

Farming in Australia.

Private Winthrop served as a Volunteer through the South African War in the Queensland Mounted Infantry, taking part in actions in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, and being present at the Relief of Mafeking and at Eland's River, where he was slightly wounded. He received the Queen's and the King's Medals with three clasps. When the War broke out he again volunteered for active service with the Australian Imperial Force and left for England in December, 1916. He went to the Front in April, 1917, and after fighting through his first action where he set a splendid example to the men with him, he was instantaneously killed on June 7th, 1917, on reaching the objective at Messines.



WALTER THURSBY WINTHROP

CAPTAIN R. D. WYLIE

Cameron Highlanders

Newlands 99²-01²

Aged 33

August 23rd, 1917

ELDEST son of John Wylie, of Huntley Gardens, Kelvinside, Glasgow, and of his wife, Jane Margaret Wylie.

In business in Glasgow.

As soon as the War broke out Captain Wylie joined the 3rd Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders as 2nd Lieutenant. He went to France with the 2nd Battalion in April, 1915, and was present at Hill 60 and the second Battle of Ypres. In December, 1915, he accompanied the Battalion to Salonica and was wounded in the engagement on the Struma on October 1st, 1915. In April of the following year he was promoted Captain, but in December was invalided home. On being passed fit for general service he again went out to France and joined the 6th Battalion of his Regiment, but about a week after was killed by a shell near Ypres, on August 23rd, 1917.

The Mackintosh of Mackintosh, Colonel 3rd Battalion Cameron Highlanders, wrote :—

“He was a most efficient Officer and extremely popular with all ranks of the Regiment, and soldiers are very shrewd judges of a man's character. We all miss him very much. There is only one opinion about him—a true Cameron Highlander and a cheery, kind comrade. A keen sportsman all round, he never failed to join in anything and everything in that line.”

A brother-officer, after describing the manner in which Captain Wylie met his death, wrote :—

“I can't close without saying just one word of his bravery. He was absolutely unafraid of shell fire. The men knew it too, and often even in those two days did I hear them talk of the fine new Captain they had got.”

Another wrote :—

“It is pretty hard to write about dear old Bob, for as you know, he and I were close friends and brother-officers, and the news of his death is a pretty hard knock to me. He was a gallant, brave fellow, and the most cheery companion under any circumstances that I ever had.”



ROBERT DOWNIE WYLIE

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