



Jasper Milton Preston Muddock

2nd Lieutenant
Shropshire Yeomanry
Killed in Action
30 November 1917
Aged 29

Jasper Milton Preston Muddock was born on 25 May 1888 at Forfar, Forfarshire, Scotland, the son of James Edward Preston Muddock, Journalist and Author and Eleanor Muddock (nee Rudd).

After leaving Dunstable Grammar School Jasper lived in Burma for almost 6 years but returned to England in 1914 to enlist as Private 3651 with the Inns of Court OTC at Berkhamstead.

On 18 August 1915 he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in to the 1st Shropshire Yeomanry, stationed at Flixton, Suffolk. The Battalion sailed for Egypt on 4 March 1916 and took up Suez Canal defence duties.

A reorganisation in March 1917 put Jasper into 74th Division where he saw action in April in The Second Battle of Gaza.

Promoted to Lieutenant in July 1917 Jasper was in action again at the Third Battle of Gaza and the action to capture Jerusalem when he lost his life.

In the fighting along the Gaza-Beersheba line, the British lost a total of 18,000 killed, wounded, and missing.

Remembered with Honour

Jerusalem War Cemetery
Israel and Palestine



Ralph Nevill M C

Lieutenant

78th Battalion, Canadian Manitoba Regiment

Killed in Action

30 September 1918

Aged 29

Ralph was born on 25 June 1890 at 132 Calabria Road, Islington, the son of Sydney Nevill, a Coal Merchant and Margaret Louisa Nevill (nee Davidson).

In 1901 Ralph was a boarder at Dunstable Grammar School and shortly after, the family emigrated to Marquette, Manitoba, Canada where he became a farmer. On 3 October 1915 he married Audrey Katherine Elespath Presilly Pierrepoint.

Ralph enlisted in to the 78th Battalion Manitoba Regiment 'Winnipeg Grenadiers' in Canada on 18 March 1916. At the end of May the Battalion arrived in England before embarking for France on 12 August.

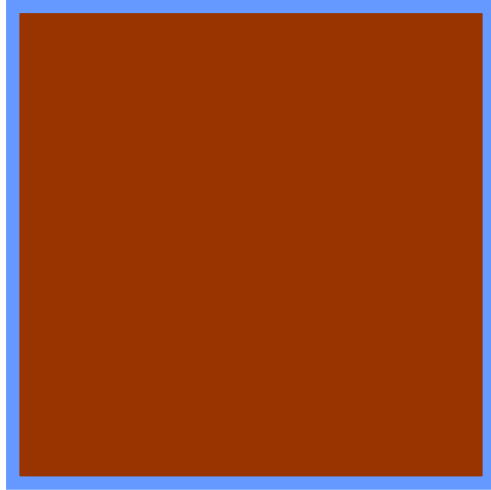
Over the next 18 months the Battalion was involved in many major actions. The following report is from the war diary summary for September 1918 concerning Ralph's fate. *"During operations on the Douai-Cambrai Road he was with a another officer taking cover in a shell hole about daybreak when a large enemy shell was dropped on the edge of the shell hole, severely wounding him in the back and both legs, one leg being blown off. He was immediately dressed and evacuated to No. 33 Clearing Station where he succumbed."*

Remembered with Honour

Bucquoy Road Cemetery

Ficheux

France



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Walter Hollingsworth Ostler

Private

1st Battalion, Honourable Artillery Company

Killed in Action

8 February 1917

Aged 26

Walter was born 27 October 1890 at The Old Rectory, West Street, Dunstable, the son of Walter Ostler, a Plait Merchant and Adelina Patti Ostler (nee Hewett). He was a pupil at Dunstable Grammar School before becoming an Auctioneer.

Walter enlisted at Finsbury as Private 3923 in the 1st Battalion, Honourable Artillery Company on 23 June 1915.

As part of 63rd Division, Walter's Battalion was involved in the Operations on the Ancre, more specifically the capture of Puisieux Trench and a couple of days later Grandcourt on the south bank of the Ancre, which had been made untenable and was abandoned by the Germans overnight. The British brought forward an attack on Baillescourt Farm, late on 7 February by the 63rd Division. The attack was successful but Walter unfortunately lost his life during the attack and his body was never recovered.

Final resting place unknown

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial

Picardie

France



William Francis Paddock

2nd Lieutenant,
4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers
Died of wounds
9 April 1917
Aged 22

William was born at The School House, Eaton Bray on 8 September 1894, the son of William Peters Paddock (Headmaster of Eaton Bray School) and Kate Louisa Paddock (nee List).

At Dunstable Grammar School William passed the Senior Cambridge Local Examination and carried off both Hervey School Prizes before joining Barclays Bank at Newport Pagnall.

At Easter 1915 he enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers and after seven months training, was sent to France on 14 November 1915. He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant on 31 August 1916.

On Easter Monday, 9 April 1917, the opening day of the First Battle of The Scarpe, close to the city of Arras, he led his platoon "over the top" to attack a series of trenches known as "The Harp", which they carried. On again, going forward two German machine guns were "decimating" the regiment and William immediately went for them, killing two gunners but was himself shot and badly wounded. He was carried to No 19 Casualty Clearing Station but died the same day.

His Commanding Officer wrote *"Your boy, who was carried out of action by our own stretcher bearers, was a most gallant officer and had the satisfaction of knowing that his company had carried out all of its objectives. Had he survived I should have recommended him for the Military Cross. I shall however recommend your son for the honour of a mention in dispatches."*

Remembered with Honour

Duisans British Cemetery

Duisans
France



Victor Hamilton Playfair

Lance Corporal

9th Battalion, London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles)

Died

26 February 1917

Aged 20

Victor was born on 27 June 1896 at Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, the son of Ann Elizabeth Playfair. From 1901 to 1911, Victor was living with his Mother and younger sister at Great Northern Road, Dunstable where he was a pupil at the Grammar School for six years.

When he left school in 1912 he worked at Debenhams Store and then, in 1915 Victor joined the 9th Battalion, London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles) as Private 1879 landing in France on 17 August that year.

The 9th Battalion was part of the 5th Division taking over a section of front line between St Laurent Blangy and the southern edge of Vimy Ridge, in front of Arras. This was a lively time, with many trench raids, sniping and mining activities in the front lines.

Early in 1916, the Battalion transferred to the 56th Division that immediately began to concentrate in the Hallencourt area.

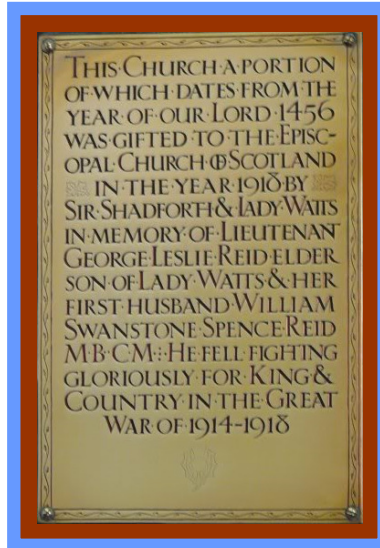
The Division was extremely active, taking part in many fierce actions: The diversionary attack at Gommecourt, 1 July, The Battle of Ginchy, 9 September, The Battle of Flers-Courcelette, 15-22 September, The Battle of Morval 25-27 September in which the Division captured Combles and The Battle of the Transloy Ridges, 11 - 9 October.

At some time in late 1916, early 1917 Victor became ill, returned to England and failed to recover.

Remembered with Honour

Beckenham Crematorium and Cemetery

Beckenham
Kent



George Leslie Reid

2nd Lieutenant

7th Dragoon Guards, Princess Royal's

Killed in Action

1 December 1917

Aged 19

George was born on 6 September 1897 at Kirkcudbright, Scotland, the son of William Swanstone Spence Reid, a Surgeon and Julia Hamilton Reid (nee MacGowan).

In 1911 George was a boarder at Dunstable Grammar School, in Ashton Lodge where Edmund Abthorpe was Housemaster. Later that year he went on to finish his education at Charterhouse School.

George was commissioned into the 7th Dragoon Guards, Princess Royal's Regiment and landed in France with the 5th Cavalry Division, later the 2nd Division, on 7 January 1917.

The year concluded with initially successful operations around Cambrai that began on 20 November. However, after many territorial gains the Germans counter attacked, beginning with a heavy gas bombardment. Two days later, the counter attack began in earnest. The break into British positions was swift as the defending Divisions seemed to evaporate, and troops hurriedly ordered to shore up the clearly splintering defence were shocked at what they saw. *"First we had to struggle through the flood of terrified men ... nothing seemed to stem the torrent of frightened men with eyes of hunted deer, without rifles or equipment, among them half-dressed officers presumably surprised in their sleep."*

Eventually, on the 3rd December, Haig ordered a retirement 'with the least possible delay', but too late to save George who had been killed soon after the counter attacks began.

Final resting place unknown

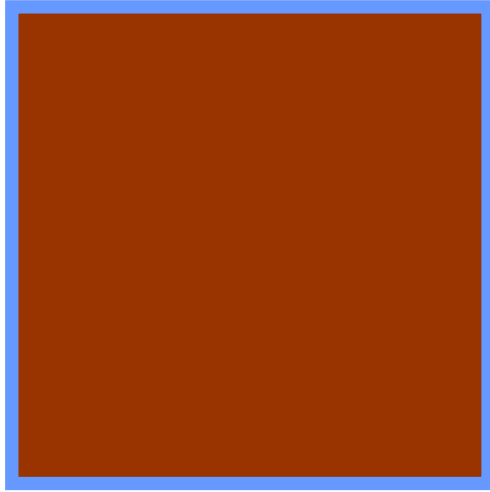
Remembered with Honour

Cambrai Memorial

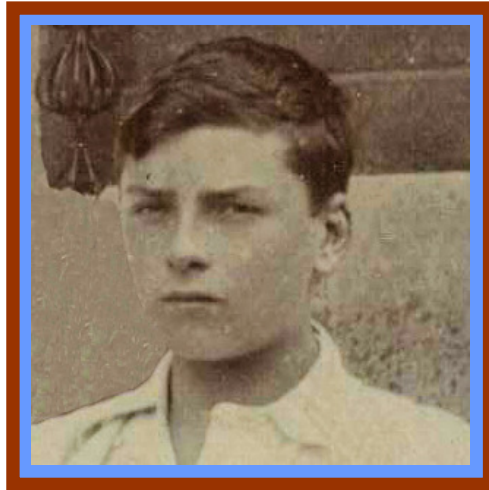
Louverval

France

And also at the Greyfriars Episcopal Church Kirkcudbright that was renovated and donated to the Scottish Episcopal Church by Lady Watts as a memorial to her son.



A Rose



John Arthur Sansom

Rifleman

1st/5th Battalion, London Rifle Brigade

Killed in Action

28 March 1918

Aged 20

John was born in 1898 at 12 Winfield Street, Dunstable, the son of Arthur Sansom, a Composer and Annie Maria Sansom (nee Potton).

Soon after leaving Dunstable Grammar School John enlisted as Rifleman 304733 with the 1st/5th Battalion, London Rifle Brigade and embarked for France.

John's Battalion was frequently involved in the action but he was to be killed in Germany's last concerted offensive of the War, the First Battle of Arras. A short description from the archives tells the story:

"At 3am on Thursday 28 March the early morning stillness was shattered by the chaotic din of a terrific German bombardment. Shortly after 7am German infantry attacked. Unaided by fog and, in places, going forward in mass formations, they met with devastating fire from British artillery and well-sited machine guns.

South of the Scarpe, German infiltrations via communication trenches forced the 3rd and 15th Divisions back from their front lines by 8.30am; gradual withdrawals were made to the rear of the Battle Zone; despite great pressure no effective breakthroughs were made. The greatest German efforts were made north of the Scarpe. Attacking across difficult ground enemy infantry successfully progressed up the valley between 4th and 56th Division positions forcing British fighting withdrawals to the Battle Zone; despite repeated attacks the line held."

Final resting place unknown

Remembered with Honour

Arras Memorial

Nord-Pas-de-Calais

France



George Bryan Schunck

Private

2nd Battalion, Rhodesia Regiment

Killed in Action

11 March 1916

Aged 27

George was born in 1889 at New Hey, Rochdale, Lancashire, the son of John Edgar Schunck, a cotton trade Bleacher employing more than 100 workers, and Emily Schunck (nee Higgins). He attended Dunstable Grammar School and in January 1912, following a course in Agriculture at the Agricultural College at Holmes Chapel, he went out to Salisbury, Rhodesia. He spent a year at the Darwendale Ranch and then took a plot of land nearby.

He enlisted as Private 1064 in the Rhodesian Regiment in November 1914 and went into active service on 15 March 1915 joining thousands of volunteers from South Africa.

The 2nd Division, commanded by Major General M J Tighe (Indian Army), was ordered to capture the German defensive position on the Latema-Reata ridgeline that lay in a gap between Mount Kilimanjaro and the Pare Mountains to the south-east. George was killed in the ensuing action.

Remembered with Honour

Taveta Military Cemetery

Voi Coast
Kenya

And also on the private family gravestone in St. Mary's Churchyard, Ringway, Manchester



Thomas Robert Munro Shervinton

Captain

8th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

Killed in Action

26 September 1915

Aged 28

Thomas was born in 1887 at Antananarivo, Madagascar, the son of the late Colonel Charles Robert St. Leger Shervinton and Laura Shervinton. While attending Dunstable Grammar School in the early 20th Century Thomas was living at 2 Regent Street, Dunstable with his siblings and widowed Mother.

The 8th Battalion, The Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) was raised at Canterbury in September 1914 as part of Kitchener's Third New Army and joined 72nd Brigade, 24th Division.

In late June 1915 the Battalion moved to Aldershot for final training and then proceeded to France at the end of August.

They were marched into the reserve for the British assault at Loos that began on 25 September. When they arrived on the battlefield that evening they were tired, bewildered and very ignorant of the situation. Without accurate maps and proper briefing, they were unaware of their correct position and what exactly was expected of them.

Once the battle was resumed on the second day their attack on the German second line was very quickly cut to pieces in no man's land.

According to the records their failure in the face of the enemy can be attributed to many causes, not least that their commanding officer, Major-General Sir JG Ramsey, an experienced Indian Army officer had been 'dug out' of retirement in 1914 and was clearly unsuited to the pace of modern warfare. He tendered his resignation on the morning of 27 September.

Thomas, Captain of 'C' Company was one of more than 4000 East Kent casualties of this action.

Final resting place unknown

Remembered with Honour

Loos Memorial

Nord-Pas-de-Calais

France



William Hugh Byam Shervinton

2nd Lieutenant

9th Battalion, attached 6th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment

Killed in Action

15 July 1916

Aged 26

William was born in 1890 at Antananarivo, Madagascar, the son of the late Colonel Charles Robert St. Leger Shervinton and Laura Shervinton. While attending Dunstable Grammar School in the early 20th Century William was living at 2 Regent Street, Dunstable with his siblings and widowed Mother.

William arrived with the 6th battalion from the 9th Battalion on the 27th March 1916 during the planning period of the Battle of The Somme.

The Battle of Bazentin Ridge was part of the second phase of the Somme Offensive facing the second German defensive complex. A well planned and novel night attack on 14 July took British troops through that line but they then ran into stiffening enemy defence at Guillemont, Delville Wood, Longueval, High Wood and Pozieres. Attack and counter attack ground relentlessly on as the British edged forward.

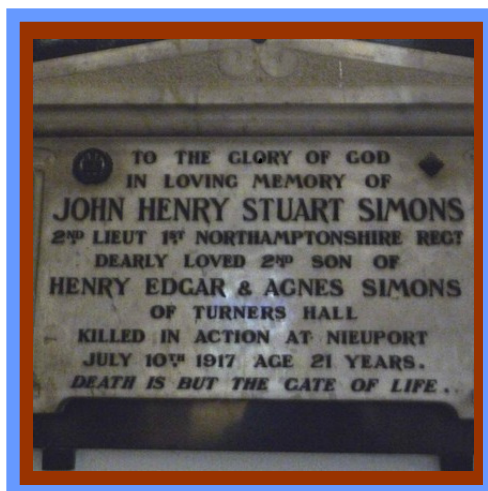
The Battalion War Diary of 15 July describing the action in which William was lost reads: *"Attack on Poziers by 112th Brigade from trenches south of Contalmaison. Brigade held up by hostile machine guns, established itself about 100 yards from the Cimitiere and dug in. Casualties: Officers - 3 killed, 9 wounded. Other Ranks - 25 killed, 26 missing, 174 wounded.*

Final resting place unknown

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial

Picardie
France



John Henry Stuart Simons

2nd Lieutenant

1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment

Killed in Action

10 July 1917

Aged 21

John was born 26 June 1896 at High Street, Markyate, the son of Henry Edgar Simons, a Farmer and Agnes Louisa Simons (nee Jones). On leaving Dunstable Grammar School in 1912 he went into the family farming business.

John enlisted with the 1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment and in early 1917 transferred to The Labour Corps. The Corps was manned by officers and other ranks who had been medically rated below the "A1" condition needed for front line service. Many were returned wounded. Labour Corps units were often deployed for work within range of the enemy guns, sometimes for lengthy periods.

The Corps always suffered from its treatment as something of a second class organisation: for example, the men who died are commemorated under their original regiment, with Labour Corps being secondary. Researching men of the Corps is made extra difficult by this, as is the fact that few records remain of the daily activities and locations of Corps units.

Final resting place unknown

Remembered with Honour

Nieuport Memorial

West-Vlaanderen

Belgium

And also in St. Nicholas' Church, Harpenden, Hertfordshire



Eric William Squires

Sub-Lieutenant

Nelson Battalion, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

Killed in Action

13 November 1916

Aged 23

Eric was born on 16 June 1892 at 74 Dunstable Road, Luton, the son of James Squires, a Straw Goods Manufacturer and Emily Squires (nee Cook). He attended Dunstable Grammar School and after, worked as a Bank Clerk.

He enlisted with the Public Schools Battalion on 11 November 1914 prior to being commissioned as Sub-Lieutenant into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on 13 July 1915, joining the Nelson Battalion on 9 September that year. The Battalion, as part of the 63rd Division landed in France in May 1916 began to prepare for battle.

The Battle of the Ancre was the final large British attack of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. One objective was to capture Beaumont Hamel and Serre which would go some way to redeem the failure of 1 July and obtain ground on which the British would have a tactical advantage.

On 13 November two 63rd Division brigades advanced with all four battalions forward and two in support from the reserve brigade. On the right the advance met much German machine-gun fire from the start but captured the German front trenches, then advanced on time to take Beaucourt station and Station Road, taking 400 prisoners by 6:45 a.m. The two battalions on the left were severely depleted by machine-gun fire, as was the left brigade although about 100 men reached the first objective. The German strong point on Beaumont Hamel spur was attacked many times but little ground was gained.

Eric was one of more than 3500 casualties that the 63rd Division suffered during the battle.

Remembered with Honour

Ancre British Cemetery

Beaumont-Hamel

France



Stephen Albert Stimpson

Private

2nd/15th Battalion, London Regiment
Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles

Killed in Action

8 December 1917

Aged 19

Stephen was born on 4 September 1897 at 47 St Mary's Street, Dunstable, son of Albert Stimpson a Retail Grocer and Straw Hat Stiffener and Margaret Stimpson (nee Jayes).

He attended Dunstable Grammar School where, as well as being a keen cricketer, in July 1915 he won the annual shooting competition and was awarded the Donegal Badge. He also attained a Distinction 1st Class in Maths and Physics.

In September 1916 Stephen enlisted as Private 7238 in the 15th Battalion, London Regiment, Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles which was incorporated into the 60th Division.

In June 1917 the Division reorganised in preparation for a move to Egypt for operations in Palestine. It embarked on 12 June and by 4 July had completed concentration at Moascar in the Southern Suez Canal Zone. The Division began to advance on Palestine and by 23 July was at Deir el Balah, 8 miles SW of Gaza. The Division then remained in Palestine and took part in a number of engagements.

By 21 November 1917, the Egyptian Expeditionary Force had gained a line about five kilometres west of Jerusalem, but the city was deliberately spared bombardment and direct attack.

Stephen was killed in the very severe fighting that continued until the evening of 8 December, by which time his Division had helped capture all the city's prepared defences.

Turkish forces left Jerusalem throughout that night and in the morning of 9 December, the Mayor came to the Allied lines with the Turkish Governor's letter of surrender.

Remembered with Honour

Jerusalem War Cemetery

Israel and Palestine



Reginald Sydney Strange

2nd Lieutenant

Bedfordshire Regiment, attached to 1st Northamptonshire Regiment

Killed in Action

17 October 1918

Aged 23

Reginald was born in early 1895 at Wellington Street, Luton, the son of Arthur Strange a draper, and Eliza (Lily) Strange, (nee Crouch).

He attended Dunstable Grammar School and in 1911 aged 16, was living with his family at 206 Beech Hill, Luton, working in his father's business as an assistant draper.

Reginald enlisted in to the 3rd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment as Private 34543 before being commissioned 2nd Lieutenant to the Bedfordshire Regiment on 7 May 1918. He was attached to the 1st Northamptonshires who were part of 2nd Brigade engaged in the "Advance to Victory" which involved the action to capture the Sambre Canal.

The Regimental War Diaries of 17 October 1918 relates Reginald's last action:

"The advance has moved forward towards the Sambre Canal with the objective of first capturing the western bank and then crossing the canal. 2nd Brigade take over from units of 6th Division who had advanced east towards Wassigny. 2nd Brigade moves through the British attack and continues the advance (in dense fog), passing by the village of Vaux Andigny and attacking and capturing the village of La Vallee Mulatre and positions to its east. A German counter attack drove the battalion back into the village but was stopped by the Northampton and the rest of 2nd Brigade. At 5pm an artillery barrage helped the battalion recapture La Valle Mulatre."

At sometime during this action Reginald was killed and buried in the village.

Remembered with Honour

La Vallee-Mulatre Communal Cemetery Extension

Picardie

France



Thomas William Stubley

Private

12th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment (Sheffield Pals)

Killed in Action

16 May 1916

Aged 27

Thomas William was born in 1889 at Waltham Abbey, Essex, the son of Ernest Stubley, a Baker and Confectioner and Ruth Stubley (nee Dew).

At the turn of the Century the Stubleys were living at 111 Church Street, Dunstable where William attended the Grammar School.

By 1911 Thomas was a Police Constable in Chesterfield, but when he enlisted as Private 1145 in the 12th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment on 10 November 1914, his trade was entered as "Clerk".

The Battalion sailed to Egypt in December 1915 to help guard the Suez Canal and then, on 10 March 1916, they embarked on HMT Briton at Port Said for the 5 day voyage to the French port of Marseilles.

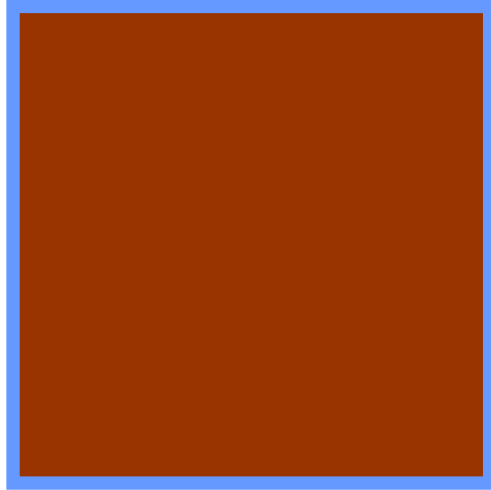
Eighteen days after arriving in France, the battalion took over a stretch of the front line opposite the fortified hill-top village of Serre.

The weeks preceding the offensive were by no means quiet, the battalion suffering its first fatal casualty as soon as 4 April. On the night of 15/16 May 1916, 15 men were killed (including Thomas) and 45 wounded as the Germans mounted a trench raid under cover of an artillery bombardment of such an intensity that in places the front line was practically levelled.

Remembered with Honour

Sucrerie Military Cemetery

Colincamps
France



P Thomson



Ashton Edward Thring

2nd Lieutenant

No. 1 Reserve Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Died

9 February 1917

Aged 20

Ashton Edward was born on 14 June 1896 at Dunstable, the son of Lionel Thring, M.A., J.P., Headmaster of Dunstable Grammar School and Jessie Margaret Thring (nee Healing).

Ashton was a pupil at Marlborough College before moving to Dunstable Grammar School where he was a keen and capable sportsman and attentive pupil, winning the Hankey Gold Medal for being the pupil who had made best use of his opportunities in life as a Dunstabolian. He went back to Marlborough College

He joined the Officer Training Corps at Berkhamsted, and soon after received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant into the North Midland Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A.).

It was while he was posted for training to Ripon in North Yorkshire, at Number 1 Reserve Brigade R.F.A. (Territorial Forces) that he succumbed to Influenza, dying in hospital at Ripon aged only 20.

Remembered with Honour

Dunstable Cemetery

West Street

Dunstable



Alfred Lonsdale Warren

Rifleman

1st/5th City of London Battalion, London Rifle Brigade

Killed in Action

3 May 1915

Aged 18

Alfred Lonsdale was born in 1896 at 17 Beresford House, Dunstable, the son of Alfred John Warren, a Straw Hat Manufacturer and Louise Katherine Mary Warren (nee Truett).

Immediately after turning 18 in the Autumn of 1914, Alfred enlisted as Rifleman 976 into the 1st/5th City of London Battalion, London Rifle Brigade. The Battalion was a unit of the 11th Brigade in the 4th Infantry Division, and Alfred joined them in the trenches on 25 January 1915. Alfred had seen 13 weeks of action in the trenches when the Second Battle of Ypres began on 24 April 1915.

Alfred wrote his last letter home on 29 April and on 3 May the Battalion moved up to the battlefield north-east of Ypres to fight at St Julian, and the Frezenberg Ridge. This fighting all but wiped out the division, and many of those who had survived the battles of 1914 were killed or wounded here. In the battle the Battalion lost 16 officers and 392 men, including Alfred.

Final resting place unknown

Remembered with Honour

Ypres Memorial - Menin Gate

West-Vlaanderen

Belgium



John Patrick Waters

2nd Lieutenant

56th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps

Killed in a flying accident

18 November 1917

Aged 18

John Patrick was born in March 1899 at 40 Ovington Square, Chelsea, London, the son of Brigadier General Wallscourt Hely Hutchinson Waters, C.M.G., C.V.O and Edith Mary Waters (nee Oakley).

The School magazine from the time reports:

" . . . Pat joined the Royal Flying Corps on his 18th Birthday and following training, joined the 56th Squadron in France, renowned for its number of pilot "Aces".

He had won a reputation as a skilful flier and on his first trial in a battle plane his superior officers were watching him full of admiration for the skill with which he controlled it when suddenly something gave way in the machine which crashed to earth and poor Pat was killed on the spot."

Remembered with Honour

Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension

Picardie
France



John Windle Westwood

Private

5th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders

Died of wounds

8 April 1917

Aged 20

John was born on 10 April 1896 at Wren's Farm, Horndon-on-the-Hill, Essex, the son of George Samuel Westwood, a Farmer and Frances Jane Westwood (nee Windle). He attended private school at Bury St Edmunds before enrolling at Dunstable Grammar School in 1907. On leaving school in 1913 John worked as a Clerk in a shipping office.

John enlisted at Bedford in 1914 with the 5th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders as Private 3572 and landed in France on 1 May 1915 where the battalion became a unit of the 152nd Brigade in the 51st (Highland) Division.

He saw action in 1915 at the second Battle of Ypres, The Battle of Festubert and The Second Action of Givenchy.

During 1916 the Battalion was involved in the attacks on High Wood and in November the Battle of the Ancre, the final British attack of the Battle of The Somme. He was serving with 'D' Company in the Battalion's trench mortar battery when he was wounded.

John was evacuated back to Lewisham Military Hospital where he died of his wounds.

Remembered with Honour

Church of St Peter and St Paul

Horndon-On-The-Hill
Essex

And also on Lewisham Town and Lewisham Military Hospital Memorials



Bernard Ivan Wilkins

2nd Lieutenant
9th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment
Died of wounds
6 January 1916
Aged 22

Bernard was born 1 November 1893 at Caterham, Surrey, the son of Sydney William Wilkins a Stockbroker and Agnes Wilkins (nee Jenkins).

Bernard was commissioned as a Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Yorkshire Regiment on the 30 November 1914 and following training in England, embarked with his battalion at Folkestone on the 26 August 1915, landing at Boulogne in the early hours of the following day.

Early in the new year of 1916 the 9th Battalion carried out a raid on the German trenches. The raid was led by Major H A S Prior who led a party of one hundred men. Although the raid was a success the casualties were one man killed, 2nd Lieutenant Wilkins died of wounds, four officers and fourteen other ranks were wounded.

His commanding officer described him as *"An officer who was loved and respected by all who came into contact with him."*

Remembered with Honour

Sailly-Sur-La-Lys Canadian Cemetery

Nord-Pas-de-Calais
France