



# Fallen Haberdashers of the Great War

1914 - 1918



† In Memoriam

# The Fallen of 1914



**L**IVERYMAN CAPTAIN ERIC FAZAN commanded A Company of The 5th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment and his brother Roy, also a Liveryman, was an officer in B Company.

The Battalion was sent to France on 19 February and moved to Allouagne near Bethune, joining the 2nd Brigade of 1 Division. They were in reserve for the battle of Neuve Chapelle and went into the front line at Richebourg l'Avoué on 27 March in the snow. In the evening of 8 May 1915 they moved to the Rue au Bois. The official record for the day of 9 May begins: "03:00 issue of tea and rum". But we can now follow the battle through the diary written - some days after the events - by Captain Eric Fazan, he begins with a note:

"... In case I am killed or die, finders please give the envelope marked X in pocket at end of this book to a brother officer to post to my wife. Of my personal effects out here I should like each surviving officer in 'A' Company to be given some slight memento..." He then continues:

"In the early hours of Sunday 9 May - hot fire going in under cover of darkness - some difficulty in finding correct position for our companies. Understood that the deliberate bombardment would start at 5 AM and continue until 5.30 AM. The intensive bombardment from 5:30 AM to 5:40 AM or

alternatively 9 AM to 9:30 AM and 9:30 AM to 9:40 AM respectively should the early morning be too misty. The CO, Adjutant, Courthope, Dawes and I and Headquarters servants all slept in the same dugout.

I read mother's letter before going into action, which I received first before marching off...[and] bombardment started at 5 AM. Had previously placed cotton wool in my ears and distributed some also. The timetable with regard to the deliberate bombardment was adhered to and the intensive commenced at 5.30 AM. About that time the 2nd Sussex were seen to be getting over the parapet of their trench and our companies rushed by platoons from our reserve trenches to the front ones.

Most of the platoons went across the open under shrapnel and rifle fire. One platoon of "C" Company lost heavily from shell fire. When we got to the front fire trench there was great enthusiasm and our fellows started getting over before all the 2nd Sussex were out over the parapet. Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Platoons of "A" got over and No. 1 was stopped. Perry was hit early by machine gun fire. Some of the bullets struck the bombs he was carrying and these undoubtedly saved his life. Practically the whole of B and C Companies got over our front parapet. Captain Courthope & his servant were blown back into our trench by a shell from the top of the parapet. This probably saved their lives.

I went with Hobart and remember calling to some of the "A" lads to follow me - including Lieutenant Corporal Laughton (who I fear was killed soon afterwards). As I was crossing the bridge over the stream in front of our trench a mongrel brown and white dog crossed towards our trench from the German lines. I spoke to it and believe I patted it. I remember seeing Captain Grant holding a huge marking flag - directing his company (B). They should have been behind us and it was seeing him get his men over that made me let the 'A' men go over & follow myself - although none of us should strictly speaking have gone until all the 2nd Sussex were over.

However, it was a good 'fault' and pleased the 2nd Sussex to find us all amongst them. The distance between the German lines and ours was much greater than we expected. I fancy we laid down when we were tired and then made another rush forward.

The fire was very hot. The distance between the German trenches and our own varied from about 150 yds to 400 yds, I think my little lot got about ½ way and the front line of the 2nd Sussex about ¾ way. Hobart was close to me. Bissenden lay with his head at my heels. Immediately to my left was Private Kemp, 2nd Sussex. He and I exchanged baccy and Horlicks malted milk tablets under fire.

On my right was Sergeant Bassett, who was soon wounded in the leg. I managed to pass him some morphia and atropine. Behind me was Martindale, who discovered that little Bissenden was dead. I had jokingly told him to take cover behind my heels and he was very cheery.

The rifle fire was very hot round us and very close to the ground (across the hollow of our backs) - so we got closer to the ground. I had earth in my mouth and in my eyes. Most of the men round me were 2nd Sussex and they were very proud that the 5th were in among them.

We were waiting for the bombardment to lift at 5.40 AM and we could not understand why it went on and on for hours past the time. The front line were really held up by barbed wire [that was] incompletely cut and by rifle fire (which the bombardment was expected to beat down entirely).

After a time we thought the front line of the 2nd Sussex must be killed. Nearly all the men round me were hit and many killed. Hobart and I kept on shouting to each other to know if we were alright and to various men. We could hardly raise our heads the fire was so hot. At last I heard a cry from Hobart and I feared he was badly wounded; he was hit in the back. I told him to lie flat till I could get to him. I found he was not bleeding much so told him to lie quiet. Later he recovered from the initial shock, so I told him to throw off his equipment and crawl in.

Hobart got back alright and later a message arrived that all the Sussex were to try and crawl back. I passed this as far as I could to right and left and advised the men to throw off their equipment as I had done mine - after Kemp got one through his haversack. I was now behind Kemp and was afraid he was dead. After waiting to get the message as far as possible we started to crawl down some furrows. When I turned round, the distance back to our parapet seemed about 100 yds. Young H. had left me his revolver - but as the fire was still hot I deemed it wise to discard everything. I wormed along a furrow throwing my hat in front of me. As they seemed to have a mark on me, I left my hat eventually as a decoy and it seemed to work. I remember I wondered if the Sergeant-Major could see me and would approve of the way I was crawling!

At the end of my furrow I came across a body which I feared was Sergeant Twine and I could not bring myself to pass it, so got into another. Fancy I got in between 10.30 AM & 11 AM. Kemp came in safe soon after me. [I was] told our Battalion had been sent back to Reserve - and rejoiced. Found there were various reports that I had been hit in the leg and [that I] had been killed.

About mid-day the CO told me poor Roy was killed. I could find out no details till later.

*[Note Roy FAZAN (Eric's brother), 2nd Lt "B" Company and aged 23 - was son of a doctor and studied medicine at the Middlesex Hospital. He has no known grave].*

All poor old Roy's men say he was very cool & shouted "come on boys".

I have not yet heard what happened to Beale, my servant - who was also Captains' orderly of 'A'. It subsequently transpired that

our casualties were close to 200 - there being (fortunately) a large proportion of wounded. 'B' Company had no officer left when they came out of action."

Afterwards on 14 May, Lt Col Langham, Commanding 5th Royal Sussex wrote:

"After a bombardment of 40 minutes to break up the German barbed wire and smash up the parapet, the advance began. Three Companies of the 2nd Battalion and all the Northants went out over and got to from 40 to 80 yards from the German lines. "C" Company, less one platoon, "A" Company, less one platoon and the whole of "B" Company, went out in the second line, and two Companies of the KRRs. Then the most murderous rifle machine gun and shrapnel fire opened and no one could get on or get back. People say the fire at Mons and Ypres was nothing to it. No end of brave things were done, and our men were splendid but helpless. They simply had to wait to be killed. After some considerable time, we got orders to retire, but this was easier said than done. Some men were 300 yards out from our parapet, many dead and some even on fire; and in two cases, men of ours who were burning alive, committed suicide, one by blowing out his brains, and another cut his own jugular vein with the point of his bayonet."

Captain - later to become Colonel - Eric Fazan, served throughout the Great War and was the one of the few officers in the Regiment to survive the Battle of Aubers; his diary (from which this is extracted and edited) is held by the Royal Sussex Regiment.

ROY FAZAN, 2ND LT B COMPANY, DIED AGED 23



# The Fallen of 1915

LIEUTENANT ROBERT PEARCE, APPRENTICE, WHO  
DIED ON THE 9TH OF MAY 1915, AGED 20



**CAPTAIN GORDON CUTHBERT (LIVERYMAN)**

(Son of Henry W. and Eleanor Cuthbert)  
1st/8th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment  
Died 25th April 1915  
Age 38  
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

**LIEUTENANT THOMAS GORDON DAVSON  
(APPRENTICE)**

Royal Horse Guards  
Died 13th May 1915  
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

**Second Lieutenant Roy FAZAN (LIVERYMAN)**

(Son of Dr Charles Herbert and Fanny Fazan)  
5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment  
Died 9th May 1915  
Age 23  
Le Touret Memorial

**CAPTAIN RICHARD BOWIE GASKELL GLOVER  
(LIVERYMAN)**

(Son of Richard Thomas and Agnes Glover)  
1st Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers)  
Died 5th November 1915  
Age 31  
Mentioned in Dispatches  
Sailly-Sur-La-Lys Canadian Cemetery

**SURGEON FREDERICK JAMES HUMPHRYS  
(APPRENTICE)**

(Son of William Frederick and Laura Humphrys)  
RN 11th Squadron Armoured Cars, Royal Naval Air  
Service  
Died 5th September 1915  
Age 27  
Hill 10 Cemetery

**CAPTAIN & ADJUTANT WALTER LIONEL PAINE  
(LIVERYMAN)**

(Son of George William and Mary Paine)  
10th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster  
Regiment)  
Died 4th June 1915  
Age 34  
Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery

**SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT SWAYNE PEARCE  
(APPRENTICE)**

(Son of Sir Edward C. and Lady Pearce)  
2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade  
Died 9th May 1915  
Age 20  
Ploegsteert Memorial

## The Fallen of 1914 - cont.

CHARLES HAIGH was the son of Arthur Elam Haigh, Fellow and Tutor of Corpus Christi College, Oxford and Louisa Haigh, daughter of Jeremiah Pilcher of Godalming. Elder brother of Arthur Duncan Haigh (1907-1910), he went to Winchester College from the Oxford Preparatory School as an Exhibitioner.

In 1907 he went up to his father's old College, and taking his degree, passed into the Army from the University in February 1911, obtaining his commission in the 2nd Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment. He was appointed Adjutant in January 1914. His Battalion proceeded to France on the outbreak of war but by the end of October the German advance through Belgium was putting immense pressure on the British around Ypres. Lieutenant Haigh fell on November 7th 1914, during an attack on the German position at Klein Zillebeke.



**CAPTAIN WALTER LIONEL PAINE** was an Old Oundelian and the first Housemaster of Crosby who was killed in action at Gallipoli on 4 June 1915. He was the sixth son of Mr and Mrs G W Paine and was born in Upper Norwood on 2nd March 1881. He attended Mr Mallinson's school in Dulwich and came to School House in Oundle in 1894. Two years later he won a prestigious Senior School Scholarship and was later Captain of the School 1899-1900, and stroked the school crew until, unluckily, he was diagnosed with a heart problem and was forced to give up strenuous sports.

From Oundle he went to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge having won a Senior Classical Scholarship. In 1903 he returned to Oundle as a classics master, took a year off to study French at the Lycee d'Amiens, and in 1907 became the first Housemaster of the new Crosby House. He left Oundle in 1909 and went to Whitgift School in Croydon. At the outbreak of war he failed to gain a commission and so he enlisted as a private in the Grenadier Guards. His talent and ability led to rapid promotion. In December 1914, he was given a commission as Lieutenant in the King's Own Royal Lancasters and just one month later was promoted Captain and Adjutant.

In May 1915, he was sent to Gallipoli with the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers. They had famously landed at Helles on 25th April and won six Victoria Crosses in one day – the so-called 6VCs before breakfast. Captain Walter Paine was killed leading his men in the ill-fated advance of 4th June at Cape Helles and was buried in Twelve Tree Copse cemetery, close to where he fell. He was 34 years old at the time of his death.

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## LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM CLAUDIUS CASSON ASH, DSO (LIVERYMAN)

(Son of William Henry and Mary Esther Ash)  
23rd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment  
Wounded at Loos 25th September 1915  
Died 20th September 1916  
Age 46  
Etaples Military Cemetery

## SECOND LIEUTENANT ALFRED JOHN BAILEY (APPRENTICE)

(Son of Alfred James and Ada Emmeline Bailey)  
17th Battalion, King's Rifle Corps  
Died 3rd September 1916  
Age 19  
Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel

## SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES EVAN DEWAR (LIVERYMAN)

5th Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade)  
Died 8th October 1916  
Age 29  
Thiepval Memorial

## SECOND LIEUTENANT NEVILLE DODD (LIVERYMAN)

(Son of Arthur and Alice Dodd)  
1st/6th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)  
Died 1st July 1916  
Age 32  
Serre Road Cemetery No.2

## RIFLEMAN MAXTED BEADLE HUGHES (FREEMAN)

1st/16th Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles)  
Died 1st July 1916  
Age 25  
Thiepval Memorial

## LANCE CORPORAL JOHN FELIX MILLS (LIVERYMAN)

Military Medal and Bar  
(Son of John Joseph and Louisa Mills)  
"C" Company, 1st/6th Battalion, London Regiment (City of London Rifles)  
Died 8th October 1916  
Age 23  
Warlencourt British Cemetery



## SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANCIS MOTT (APPRENTICE)

(Son of Francis Owen and Alice Maud Mott)  
24th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers  
Died 23rd July 1916  
Age 20  
Lapugnoy Military Cemetery

## LIEUTENANT DOUGLAS HENRY PROSSER (LIVERYMAN)

(Son of Henry Paul and Favell Beatrice Prosser)  
HMS 'Russell', Royal Navy  
Died 27th April 1916  
Age 22  
Chatham Naval Memorial

## SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM AMOS SANTLER (APPRENTICE)

(Son of AN and Mrs Santler)  
8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment  
Died 13th June 1916  
Age 25  
Carnoy Military Cemetery  
[He is also remembered on the memorial at Hatcham College, New Cross]

## PRIVATE ROBERT EDWARD TUDOR (LIVERYMAN)

(Son of Owen Scripps and Elizabeth Tudor)  
9th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers  
Died 7th October 1916  
Age 41  
Thiepval Memorial

## SECOND LIEUTENANT ALFRED GORDON YOUNG (LIVERYMAN)

(Son of Alfred and Kate Young)  
3rd/5th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)  
Died 31st December 1916  
Age 29  
St. Pol Communal Cemetery Extension

## LIEUTENANT DOUGLAS HENRY PROSSER, LIVERYMAN. HMS RUSSELL, ROYAL NAVY

HMS Russell was steaming off Malta early on the morning of 27 April 1916 when she struck two naval mines that had been laid by the German submarine U-73. A fire broke out in the after part of the ship and the order to abandon ship was passed; after an explosion near the after 12-inch (305 mm) turret, she took on a dangerous list. However, she sank slowly, allowing most of her crew to escape. Nevertheless a total of 27 officers and 98 ratings were sadly lost, including Lieutenant Douglas PROSSER, aged 22.



## SECOND LIEUTENANT NEVILLE DODD, LIVERYMAN. 1/6TH BATTALION, WEST YORKSHIRE (PRINCE OF WALES OWN) REGIMENT.

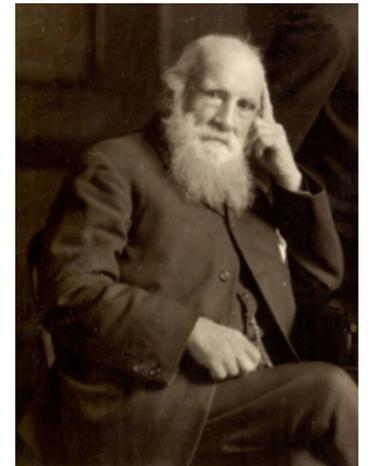
Neville Dodd (pictured left) was born on 28 August 1884, the son of Arthur and Alice Dodd of Tulse Hill, London. He attended Eastbourne College. On leaving school he went into his father's business as a diamond merchant. He joined the London Scottish in September 1914 and served as Quartermaster Sergeant until early in 1915 when he received a commission in the 1/6th Battalion, West Yorkshire (Prince of Wales Own) Regiment. He went to France in November 1915 and was Assistant Adjutant of his battalion until he was killed at Thiepval on the first day of the Somme on 1 July 1916. He is buried in Serre Road Cemetery No. 2 (grave XX.E.12). Also commemorated in St Agatha's Church, Woldingham, Surrey.

## RIFLEMAN MAXTED HUGHES, FREEMAN. 1/16 BATTALION, LONDON REGIMENT (QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER RIFLES)

By midday on 1st July, the opening day of the battle of the Somme, the Londoners of the Queen's Westminster Rifles were running short of grenades and they were under strong bombing attacks from Gommecourt Park which forced them back. There was little help from British artillery and the wounded began crawling back across no-man's land. By 2pm they were still holding parts of the German 1st & 2nd line and the southern part of Gommecourt Park. But their position was doomed. Rifleman Maxted Hughes died on 1st July 1916 in this attack on Gommecourt.

## PRIVATE ROBERT EDWARD TUDOR, LIVERYMAN. 9TH BATTALION ROYAL FUSILIERS

Robert died aged 41 years in the Somme on 7th October 1916. He was the son of Owen Scripps TUDOR who had been Master of the Haberdashers' Company in 1901-02. This photograph (right) of Robert's father, Past Master Owen Scripps Tudor, was taken in 1920.



## SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM AMOS SANTLER, APPRENTICE. 8TH BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT

William had been a pupil at Hatcham College and his name is listed on the school war memorial (above).

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WILLIAM CLAUDIUS CASSON ASH, D.S.O., LIVERYMAN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT. At about midday on 15th September 1916 the 23rd Middlesex was ordered to advance to assist the 124th brigade along the right of Flers Wood. In the attack that followed Ash personally led one of the two advanced companies. At 5pm he was severely wounded and taken from the field. He died of his wounds on 20th September.

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## SECOND LIEUTENANT MARK ALDERSEY

(Apprentice)  
(Son of Hugh & Evelyn Aldersey of The Crooke, Aldersey, Cheshire)  
Educated at Eton & Sandhurst  
1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment  
Died 1st November 1917 at Ypres  
Age 20  
Tyne Cot Memorial

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALTER HERBERT

**BAXTER** (Liveryman)  
(Son of William Henry Baxter of Brixton Hill)  
4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment  
Died of wounds on 18 May 1917  
Kala Khan Cemetery, Naintal, India

## PRIVATE WALTER ROLFE BROWN

(Apprentice)  
(Son of Robert Walker & Sarah Brown of Wimbledon)  
28th Battalion, London Regiment (Artists' Rifles)  
Died 30th October 1917  
Aged 24  
Poelcapelle British Cemetery

## SECOND LIEUTENANT STANLEY HARVEY

**COATES** (Liveryman)  
(Son of James Coates of Islington)  
Educated at King's College, London  
4th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)  
Died 7th June 1917  
Aged 33  
Spoilbank Cemetery

## SECOND LIEUTENANT CECIL BERNARD

**COOPER** (Liveryman)  
(Son of Charles & Florence Cooper of Twickenham Park)  
"A" Battalion, 38th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery  
Died 9th August 1917  
Aged 27  
Brandhoek New Military Cemetery

## SECOND LIEUTENANT RALPH GIBB DYER

(Apprentice)  
(Son of William & Margaret Dyer of Brighton)  
Native of Blackheath, London where there is a memorial in All Saints Church  
92nd Field Company, Royal Engineers  
Died 23rd February 1917  
Aged 23  
Pozières British Cemetery, Ovillers-La-Boisselle

## PRIVATE CECIL MOLYNEUX KILLIK

(Apprentice)  
(Son of Stephen Molyneux Killik, JP & Emily Killik of Palace Gardens Terrace, London)  
Enlisted Oct. 1914  
2nd Bus Company, Mechanical Transport, Army Service Corps  
Died 20th February 1917  
Aged 24  
Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

## LIEUTENANT CYRIL ALFRED TRUSCOTT

(Liveryman)  
(Son of Mrs R. Rugeley Bury (formerly Truscott) of St John's Wood, London & the late James Truscott)  
Nelson Battalion, R.N. Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve  
Died from his wounds on 23rd April 1917  
Aged 34  
St Catherine British Cemetery

## Second Lieutenant Mark Aldersey

Second Lieutenant Mark Aldersey was a descendant of our Thomas Aldersey, benefactor in 1594 of the Aldersey School at Bunbury. He was one of three sons to Hugh Aldersey of Aldersey Hall, all of whom joined the Cheshire Regiment during the Great War. The first to be lost was Mark, then the eldest brother Hugh was lost in 1918 and the only one to survive was Ralph. Ralph inherited the Aldersey estate and its Hall and died in 1976.



## Private Walter Rolfe Brown

Walter was enrolled in the 28th County of London Battalion (Artists' Rifles), County of London Regiment (Territorial Force). The Battalion was composed of painters, sculptors, musicians, architects, actors and members of other artistic occupations and was based in the Chelsea area of Middlesex. For that reason it was almost certainly informally titled the "Artists' Volunteers". During WWI, the number of volunteers to join the Artists' Rifles was so great (in common with many other of the British Army's territorial units) that it split itself into two and eventually 3 lines: numbered the 1/28th, the 2/28th and the 3/28th London Regiment.



## Second Lieutenant Ralph Gibb Dyer

Ralph was born in Blackheath, the son of William and Margaret Dyer. They later moved to Preston Park Avenue, Brighton. He was educated at Belmont School Blackheath and at Eastbourne and before war broke out had been studying for two years at the City and Guilds Engineering College in South Kensington. He was a member of the Officers Training Corps at Eastbourne and South Kensington and shot at Bisley for Eastbourne College OTC.

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**CAPTAIN GERALD CHARLES MEAD COOPER**

**LIEUTENANT ARTHUR HAMILTON HUGHESDON** (Freeman)

Son of Arthur James and Janet Louisa Hughesdon, of 110, Stapleton Hall Rd., Stroud Green, London. Husband of Olive Fenton Hughesdon, of "Ottawa," Westbury Rd., Woodside Park, London.  
59th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (Also served with Artists' Rifles)  
Died on 27 September 1918  
Age 32  
Sains-Les-Marquion British Cemetery

**SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE WILLIAM MOORE** (Apprentice)

Son of Mr. F. H. Moore, of Messina Lodge, 8, Mayow Rd., Forest Hill, London.  
288th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery  
Died on 28 March 1918  
Age 26  
Mindel Trench British Cemetery, St. Laurent-Blangy

**LIEUTENANT WALTER HUGH PRICE** (Freeman)

H.M."M.L. 562.", Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve  
Died on 2 July 1918  
Age c.29  
Islington Cemetery and Crematorium

**CAPTAIN ARTHUR WILFRED TOOVEY** (Liveryman)

13th Battalion (Transport Workers), Bedfordshire Regiment  
Died on 30 November 1918  
Pinner (Paines Lane) Cemetery

**CAPTAIN ALWYN MUNTON ALLAN, MC** (Liveryman)

Son of Henry and Emily Annie Allan, of Woking, Surrey, and Hempsyke, Whitby, Yorks.  
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)  
Received Commission 14th Aug., 1914  
Died on 21 April 1918  
Age 26  
Etaples Military Cemetery

**CAPTAIN GERALD CHARLES MEAD COOPER** (Liveryman)

Royal Anglesey, Royal Engineers  
Died on 23 November 1918  
East Sheen Cemetery

**SECOND LIEUTENANT GERALD MORTON DUNN** (Liveryman)

Son of William Newton Dunn and Susannah Newton Dunn. Husband of Lena Dunn, of Heatherlands, Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey.  
140th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery  
Died on 13 October 1918  
Age 33  
Hayneourt British Cemetery

CAPTAIN GERALD CHARLES MEAD COOPER of the Royal Engineers (left) was born in Camberwell on 27 July 1888. By the time of his enlistment in the army, Gerald was apparently a resident of Hampton Wick. On 23 November 1915 the London Gazette reported his appointment as a 2nd Lieutenant (on probation) to the Royal Engineers (Anglesey).

As an entry in the Return of Marriages Contracted in France between British Officers and Foreign Women reveals, whilst he was on service in France, Gerald married a seventeen year old French girl, Marie Antoinette Fejard, twelve years his junior. A record of the marriage, duly certified by the Acting Mayor of Amiens on 18 January 1918 and legally signed on 26 August 1918, gives tantalising details of the marriage ceremony which occurred at 11 o'clock on 17 November 1917 at the local maison commune at Amiens.

In the marriage record, Gerald is described as a British Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, ordinarily a "manufacturer" resident in London. Before the wedding the groom had certified that he was of British nationality, unmarried and didn't need parental consent to marry. The bride however was a minor. She had been born on 5 March 1900 at Digoin in the district of Macon (Saone & Loire). Ordinarily, she resided with her parents at Persan (Seine & Oise). Her father was Jean R Fejard, a factory worker, and her mother, Pauline Rety. Her parents gave their consent for the marriage. Presumably because of the war she had moved to 30 Boulevard Pasteur in Amiens where the couple must have met.

The witnesses included one of Gerald's fellow officers, Lieutenant William Hodgson (Royal Engineers) (28) from Liverpool and three Frenchmen: Jean Pellisson (23) usually a dealer in Cognac in Bordeaux but, for the duration, adjutant at the Temporary Hospital No 5 at Amiens; Edmund Elue (49) a merchant ordinarily resident in Amiens and Maurice Hecart (31) another Amiens merchant but serving as a soldier. It's very difficult to infer much from the witnesses' identities, but , perhaps, Gerald met Marie at Jean Pellisson's hospital?

Gerald disappears from the record until his death was registered at Uckfield in Sussex in December 1918 and he was buried at East Sheen & Richmond Cemeteries.

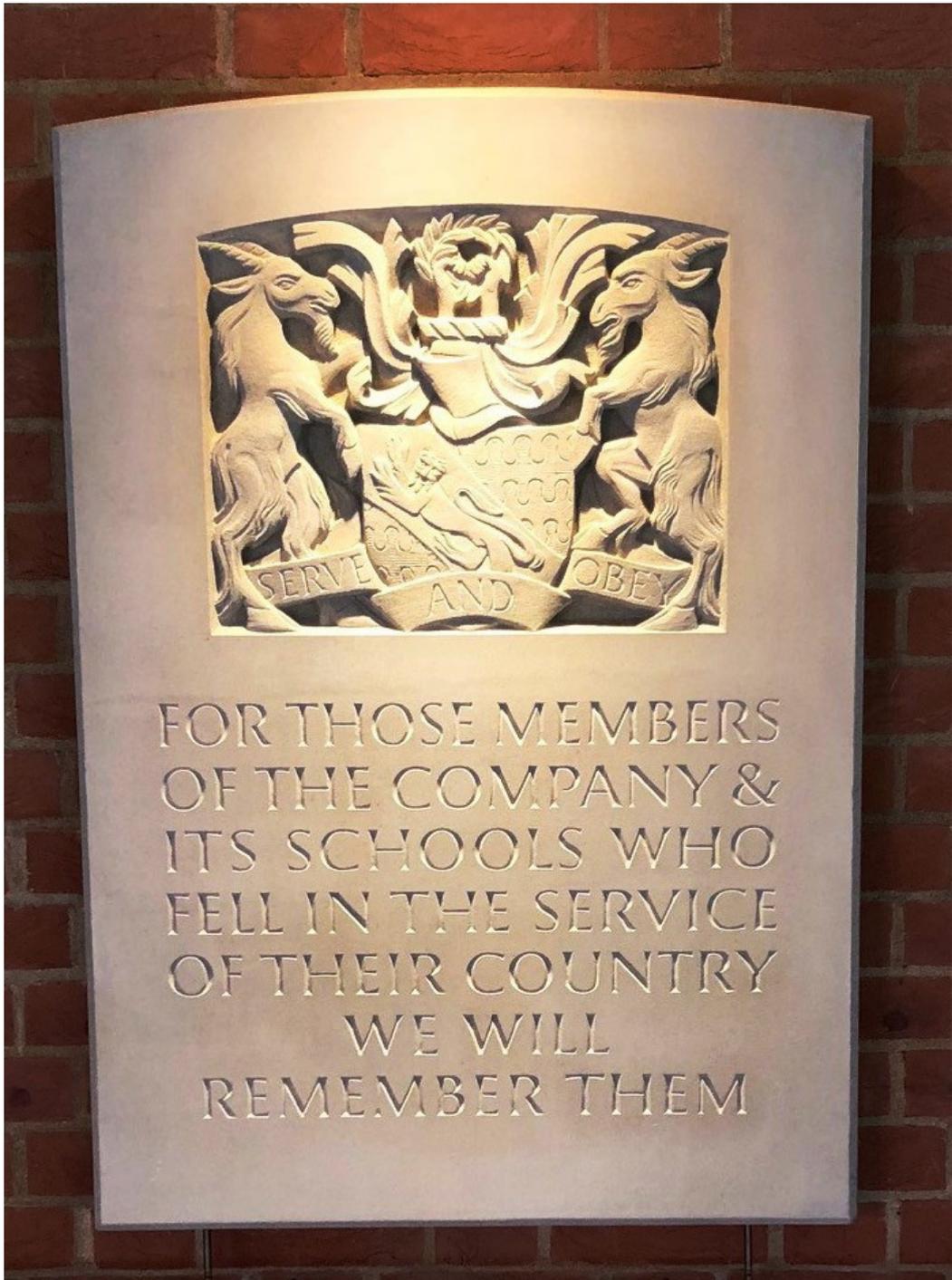


Officers of Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, 1916

## The Times.

October 14th, 1918

Second Lieutenant Gerald Morton Dunn, R.G.A., was killed in action of October 13, he was educated at Mr Wathen's Preparatory School, Kemp Town, Brighton, at Charterhouse, and at King's College London. Subsequently, he was articled to his father, W Newton Dunn, F.R.I.B.A. of 1 & 2 Bucklersbury, Cheapside, E.C., and on obtaining his A.R.I.B.A., was taken into partnership. On the death of his father, in December, 1914, he became head of the firm, and later on graduated as a Fellow of the Surveyors' Institute. He was, like his father, honorary consulting architect to the Earlswood Asylum, was a member of the Cathedral Lodge of Freemasons, and of the Haberdashers' Company. He joined the Army as a private in November, 1916, was transferred into a Cadet Corps in April, 1917, and on June 26, 1917, was given a commission in the R.G.A. After serving in two or three home camps, he was sent out to the front on April 1 last, where he remained till he was killed. His major writes- "Please accept the heartfelt sympathies of all the officers and men of my battery, with whom your husband was exceedingly popular. I feel his loss very, very much; he was such a genuine man both when on and off duty, and his post could not be filled by a better officer".



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