

**D**OUGLAS JAMES AITCHISON was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Aitchison of Beckenham. He was born at Honor Oak on July 18, 1896, and entered Oundle (Dryden House) in January 1911, leaving in July 1913.

He enlisted in September 1914 and received a commission in the 2nd East Anglian Brigade, R.F.A. (Territorial Force) at Christmas 1914. He was in England during 1915, and went to Egypt with his Brigade in January 1916.

He was on the Suez Canal for some time, and went up to the front after the first battle of Gaza.

Early in 1917 he transferred to the R.F.C. and served through the advance into Palestine, until his aeroplane crashed on December 30, 1917, when leaving the aerodrome. He was sent back to England seriously injured.

Blood-poisoning supervened, and he died in the R.F.C. Central Hospital (Hampstead) on April 17, 1918.

His Commanding Officer wrote that he did very good work on the observation machines during the second battle of Gaza.



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