

RIVERS GORDON BEGG was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Begg of Watford and formerly of Calcutta, where he was born on July 25, 1896.

Coming from Dorset House, Littlehampton, he entered School House in September 1910, remaining until July 1915. He took a keen interest in gymnastics, being in the School VI 1914 and 1915.

On leaving school he joined the Beatty School of Flying at Hendon, and was later accepted by the Royal Naval Air Service and passed through the naval depots at Windermere, Calshot, and Dundee. In March 1917 he was sent to the R.N.A.S. base in south Italy. On July 17 (1917) while he was returning from a service flight, the propellor of his machine broke off, and striking a control wire rendered the machine unmanageable. It fell into the sea and both pilot and observer were drowned before they could be extricated from the wreckage.

The official report states that Sub-Lt. Begg was a most promising pilot.

His Commanding Officer wrote: "he was universally popular: his keenness and independence, and confidence in himself, endeared him to everyone."



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