

CHARLES RALPH BUCKMASTER was the only son of Charles Alexander Buckmaster, J.P., formerly Chief Inspector of the technical branch of the Board of Education, and of Lucy Ormerod, only daughter of Henry Colley March, M.D., of Rochdale. He was born at Mill Hill on December 27, 1890.

He came to Oundle from Praetoria House, Folkestone, entering Sidney in September 1905. He was prominent on the football field and the river.

Leaving school at the end of 1908, he went to the University of Göttingen and from there in October 1909 to Lincoln College, Oxford.

He left Oxford without taking a degree, chiefly because his reading for Honours had been too desultory.

He was a keen oarsman, helping his college to improve their position on the river, and rowing for them at Henley, while he was also a member of the London Rowing Club.

He was fond of shooting and riding.

When war broke out he was working on a nitrate estate in Chili. Realising that the war was to be a long one, he gave up his work there and soon after Christmas 1914 sailed for home on board the "Avanti Savoia," an Italian boat, which was bringing a cargo of nitrate to Newcastle. Sailing round the Shetlands the vessel was caught in a strong north-westerly gale and driven ashore on Easter Day 1915. All on board perished.



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