

THOMAS COOK was the son of the late Thomas Cook of Rugby and of Mrs. Cook of Harlesden, N.W. He was born at Willesden on July 1, 1887, and entered Oundle (Laxton House) in September 1902, leaving in July 1905. On leaving school he was for some time engaged in electrical engineering on the Hastings tramways, but afterwards became a partner in the firm of Welch and Horner, Drug Importers, London.

He married in 1911 Lily, daughter of A. Robertson Esq., of Rishton, Lancashire.

Whilst at Hastings he had joined the 5th battalion Royal Sussex Regiment (Cinque Ports T.F.) and he rejoined his old battalion in September 1914. He went to France in February 1915, but returned in April to take a commission in the Essex Regiment.

In September 1915 he went to the Dardanelles with a draft of the 6th Lincolns, to which regiment he was then attached.

Cook was killed on the Green Knoll in attempting to drive off a Turkish patrol. The officer in charge of the British patrol was young and inexperienced, and Cook went with him to help him.

His Commanding Officer wrote: "He immediately struck me as a very capable and efficient officer, and I appointed him my adjutant."



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