

ALEXANDER BASIL CRAWFORD was the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Crawford of Stanton Hill, Notts. He was born at Coleshill on May 24, 1891, and entered Oundle (Laxton House) in May 1903, leaving in December 1908. At school he took part in every kind of game. He was captain of the XV in 1908, and was elected captain of the XI of 1909, but left in December 1908. He was in the cricket teams of 1906, 1907, and 1908.

He was a school prefect.

After leaving school he studied law and passed the final examination for solicitor in 1914. When war broke out he had recently taken over a practice at Boston, Lincs., but leaving this in charge of a clerk he enlisted in the 5th Lincolns. Early in 1915 he was given a commission in the Sherwood Foresters, and later again he was transferred to the 17th West Yorkshires, and was promoted Captain. He was killed in action on May 10, 1916.

His Divisional Commander writes: "Your boy was doing splendidly. He had been commanding his company for some time and was if anything too brave.

"He is a great loss to his Regiment, I might say to the Division. I wish we had more like him."

His Battalion Commander writes: "He was a most able Company Commander, a most gallant man, full of dash and pluck, and would have risen high in the Army."



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