

NORMAN STUART EDMONDSTONE was the eldest son of Mrs. M. A. de Gruchy, of Harrow.

He was born at Melbourne on August 7, 1896, and entered Oundle in January 1913.

He was given a commission in the Queen's Westminster Rifles, with whom he went out to the Palestine front. He was killed at the capture of Gaza on November 7, 1917, being hit by a shrapnel bullet whilst waiting with his company for the order to assault the enemy's position. He was buried at Imara.

His Colonel wrote: "He is a very serious loss to me and to the battalion, as he was an untiring and dependable officer with a very good knowledge of a soldier's duty. . . . He was universally beloved by men and officers, and this I mean literally, for he had a very lovable disposition."



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