

ARTHUR GODFREY-PAYTON was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Godfrey-Payton of the Bridge House, Warwick, where he was born on March 29, 1889. He entered Sidney House in January 1904 and left in December 1906, to commence his training as assistant in his father's office (as a land agent). In 1911 he qualified for a fellowship of the Surveyors' Institute, and received a permanent appointment in the Land Valuation Offices. He had joined the 7th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment (T.F.) in December 1911, being gazetted 2nd Lieutenant. He was promoted Lieutenant in December 1913 and Captain in October 1914.

He went to France with the 1/7th Warwicks in March 1915. On August 26, 1916, he was wounded in action near Thiépval (Somme) and died on the 29th.

His Commanding Officer wrote: "His loss to the regiment is a great one from a professional point of view, and his kindly, generous-hearted disposition endeared him very closely to one and all."

His Brigade Major wrote: "As a Company Commander he was admirable: cool, conscientious and efficient."

An officer: "His men worshipped him and all the officers loved him as a brother."



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