

JOHN HIRST AINLEY was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hirst Ainley of Huddersfield, and was born on February 19, 1899. He entered Oundle (Sidney House) in September 1913, and left in July 1916.

He was killed on June 21, 1918, while waiting beside a wounded man until the stretcher-bearers arrived. He chose the more dangerous part of waiting, while an N.C.O. went for the bearers.

His Major wrote: "He was long enough with the battalion for me to realize he was just the type of officer we want out here—full of keenness and energy—the kind the men appreciate."

The Chaplain of the First Army Infantry School wrote: "He put such splendid keenness and energy into all he did, and throughout kept a high standard, which, by his influence and perhaps unknowingly, he made attractive to many round him."



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