

PETER HOPCRAFT was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hopcraft of Southam in Cheltenham, and was born on January 19, 1899. He entered Oundle (New House) in January 1915.

Joining the Royal Flying Corps in December 1916, he was specially detailed to pilot Handley Page machines in France during the autumn and winter of 1917, and in the spring following he was sent home as an Instructor.

In August 1918 he was attached to the Independent Air Force near Nancy, where he became Acting-Captain and was killed while returning from a successful bombing operation on October 28, 1918.

His Commanding Officer wrote: "He was a skilful and reliable pilot." He also attained a record of night bombing over the enemy's lines thirty nights in succession.

*It is regretted that no photograph
of Peter Hopcraft
is available*