

ALFRED JOHN AVALON HUTCHINS was the first son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hutchins of Bournemouth. He was born on July 29, 1897, at Avalon, Catalina Island, California, U.S.A.

Hutchins entered Laxton House in January 1912, and left in December 1915, proceeding to Sandhurst, out of which he passed in October 1916, and joined the 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. He went out to France in December of the same year.

He was severely wounded in the face and left thigh, and gas poisoned, near Boesinghe on March 20, 1918, when he was taken by the Germans, and died in one of their Field Hospitals at Pithem, near Thielt. He was buried at Bergmoolen Military Cemetery, near Ardoye.

A brother Officer wrote: "Your son had endeared himself to all the officers of the Battalion, and with the men of his platoon he was very popular. At his work he was most willing, cheerful, and enthusiastic, and in himself he was so unselfish and so lovable, that I cannot help but feel for him the warmest friendship."



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