

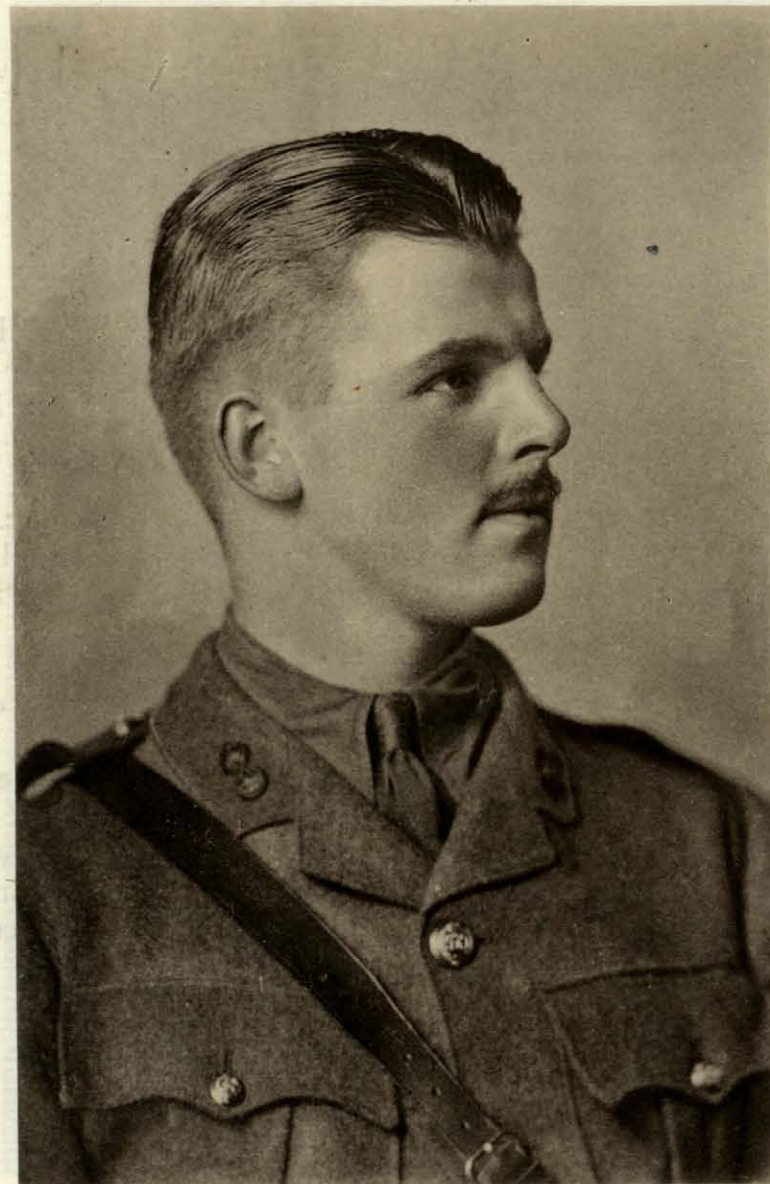
**G**EORGE GEOFFREY NEEDHAM was the third and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Needham of Holly Bank, Werneth, Oldham, where he was born on July 8, 1895.

He entered School House in May 1907 and was at Oundle until December 1913. He was head of his house and a school prefect. In February 1914 he entered Sandhurst, quickly rising to the rank of cadet-serjeant. Gazetted to the Lancashire Fusiliers in October, he joined the 3rd battalion at Hull before proceeding with the first to the Dardanelles, where he went through the landing at W. Beach. He was wounded early in May 1915, and was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry in operations south of Krithia. He subsequently rejoined the first Battalion, and after two months' hard fighting, received wounds from which he died on August 22.

His promotion to full Lieutenant appeared in the "Gazette" in September following his death.

His Company Commander wrote: "Your son was in my company, and during the short time I saw him in the Peninsula he made himself a name, in and out of the Regiment, for dash and cheery humour."

His C.O. at Hull wrote: "He had every quality that makes a good officer."



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