

ARTHUR LESLIE PLATTS was the third son of the late Arthur Platts of Gainsborough and Mrs. George Whiffen of the Clock House, Wimbledon Common. He was born at Gainsborough on July 14, 1891.

Coming to Oundle from King's College School, Wimbledon, he entered Laxton House in September 1904, leaving in July 1910.

Going up to Caius College, Cambridge, he took his degree in 1913.

He received a commission in the Suffolk Regiment in September 1914, being promoted Lieutenant in June 1915, and to the rank of Captain as from July 11, 1916 (London Gazette of October 27, 1916.)

From January to October 1915 he was in engagements at Ypres and Hooge, after which he was at home for a time working in the munitions department, but rejoining his regiment in April 1916, he returned to France in May. He was killed while going to the assistance of a wounded man.

His C.O. wrote: "Leslie's cheerfulness under all discomfort and danger was worth a company of infantry."

An officer said: "He was one of the best fellows who ever lived, and I always knew that whatever job had to be done at the front I could rely on your boy to do it, and do it well—no matter how nasty the job might be."



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