

REGINALD HARDY PLATTS was the eldest son of the late Arthur Platts of Gainsborough and Mrs. George Whiffen of the Clock House, Wimbledon Common. He was born at Gainsborough on August 29, 1886. He entered Laxton House in May 1901 and left in July 1905.

He was a school prefect and played for the school at cricket and football.

Before the outbreak of war R. H. Platts had been for a number of years associated with his stepfather, Mr. W. G. Whiffen, and his firm, and had gained valuable experience in their special branch of vegetable alkaloids.

He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery, but in August 1915 was seconded to Mr. Whiffen, with whom he remained until his death on May 31, 1918.

He died in St. Thomas's Hospital from shock following severe burns sustained in the Works Laboratory, where he was attending a special reaction, when from some unknown cause the vapours fired.

Married in January 1912 to Irène, eldest daughter of Monsieur Henri Motte and Madame Motte of Bourg-la-Reine, Seine, and Tregastel, Brittany, he left a widow and three young children.



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