

JOHN WILLIAM BINFIELD RUSSELL was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell of St. Andrews, Newquay. He was born at Bridport on September 7, 1896, and entered the Berrystead in September 1908, being transferred later to School House.

He was a keen football player and captained the Second XV.

He left school in December 1914, having gained the Senior Classical Scholarship at University College, Oxford.

He was given a commission in the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, which he joined in the beginning of 1915 together with C. E. M. Coubrough.

He served in France for a year before his death on July 7, 1916, when he fell leading his company in an attack on a German trench south of Mametz Wood. His promotion to the rank of Lieutenant had been read out in Battalion Orders, and his name appeared in the Casualty list with that rank, but it seems that he had not been gazetted at the date on which he fell.

A brother Officer wrote: "None ever did a year's more arduous and gallant work with such complete devotion to duty and joy of life . . . and none have left a happier and more inspiring memory to those who are left behind and have to go on."

And again: "Russell . . . had that extraordinary power of winning affection and loyalty from all ranks, which makes his loss an irreparable one to the regiment, as well as a personal sorrow to me and his many friends."



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