

EDWARD REGINALD SPOFFORTH was the only son of Mrs. Spofforth of Granville Road, Scarborough. He was born at York on January 15, 1891, and entered Oundle (School House) in September 1906, leaving in December 1908.

Spofforth first went to France in April 1915 with the 5th Yorkshire Regiment, and within a week of landing took part in the first battle of Ypres. Soon afterwards he was attacked by scarlet fever, and on recovering was invalided home for a month, being stationed at the regimental depot at Scarborough. He went again to France in January 1916, and on March 2 he was mortally wounded by a trench mortar shell, dying in an hour.

His Commanding Officer wrote: "Your boy was such a keen soldier that we shall find the gap he leaves in the regiment difficult to fill, that he leaves in our heart impossible."

He was buried in the military cemetery at Poperinghe.



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