

ALAN HERBERT MANWARING WEST was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. West of Patterdale, Newick, Sussex.

He was born at Brighton on June 15, 1897, and entered School House in September 1911. A good all round athlete, he captained the XI in 1915.

Passing the Indian Army Examination in June 1915, he left school at the end of the summer term and sailed for India in September. After a six months' course at Wellington College, he was given his commission and moved to Delhi, where he was attached to the 36th Sikhs.

In January 1917 he took a draft to Mesopotamia, and was at Amara until his death on January 7, 1918, at which date he was Regimental Bombing Officer.

West died of wounds received accidentally during bombing practice, when he attempted to throw clear (of a trench) a live bomb, which had been dropped by one of his men. The latter escaped, but West was mortally wounded by the explosion.

His Commanding Officer wrote: "I saw enough to realize that the regiment has lost one of its most useful and promising officers. . . . Whilst I can confidently say that to each of your son's brother officers the loss is a personal one."



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