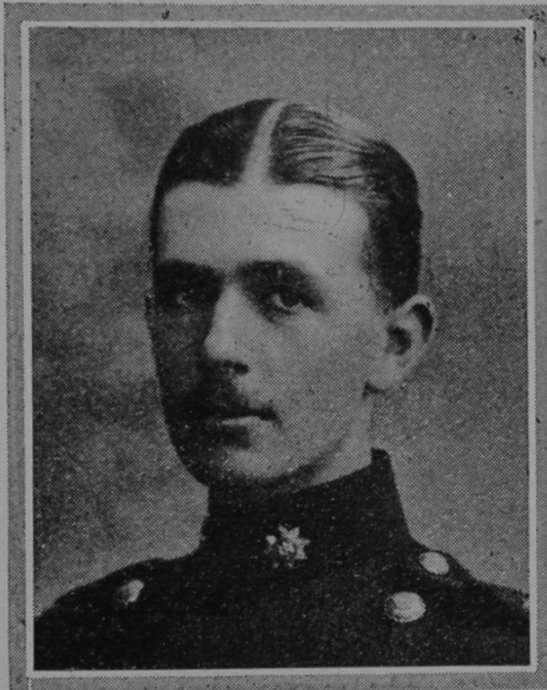


**LIEUTENANT RAYMOND PLUMPTRE
BATES, 2nd BATTN. THE DEVONSHIRE
REGIMENT,**



who was born at Edgbaston on the 25th November, 1889, was the only son of Philip Bates, J.P., Maer Lake House, Bude, N. Cornwall.

He was educated at St. Andrews, Eastbourne, and Uppingham, and on leaving

school was given a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in June, 1908, in the 4th Battalion, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), from which he was gazetted to the Devonshire Regiment in December, 1910, and from that time served with his battalion in Malta and Egypt up to the outbreak of the war. In Egypt he received the Government award for proficiency in Arabic, and won the Officers' Shooting Prize in the Egyptian Command Rifle Meeting in March, 1914. He

also won, in 1910, the Silver Challenge Bugle for shooting, while in his Militia regiment. He was promoted Lieutenant in October, 1914. He fell in action at Neuve Chapelle on the 10th March, 1915, while leading his platoon and a platoon of the Scottish Rifles across a bullet-swept field in an attack upon a German trench. He was the first to reach the barbed wire, and was killed while getting through it.

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