



2nd LIEUTENANT HERBERT ARTHUR WILLIAM BEAUSIRE, 1st BATTN. THE ROYAL FUSILIERS (CITY OF LONDON REGIMENT),

was the second son of Robert L. and Letitia Beausire, of 15, Addison Crescent, London, W., and New York. He was born on the 28th June, 1892, at Iquique, Chili, South America, and was educated at Winton House



School, Winchester, and at Winchester College, where he was a member of the O.T.C. On leaving Winchester, in June, 1912, he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Reserve of Officers.

In February, 1915, 2nd Lieutenant Beausire was granted a short leave, and a fortnight after his return to the front he was killed in action, on the 15th March, 1915, by the bursting of a shell in the trench where he was giving orders to his men.

“ Two nights before his death,” writes his Commanding Officer, “ he made a most useful reconnaissance of the German lines and wire entanglements, for which I was thanked by the General Officer, at whose request this dangerous duty was undertaken.”

His Captain said : “ The regiment and the Army have lost a most competent officer, and I shall miss him, not

only as an officer, but as a friend. He was always cool and collected, and ever ready for a job. He was a born soldier, and one the Army can ill afford to lose. His charming manners and personality will long be remembered in the regiment, where he was loved by his brother officers, N.C.O.s, and men. He has died doing his duty, and has done it well.”

2nd Lieutenant H. A. W. Beausire's younger brother, 2nd Lieutenant C. E. Beausire, 12th Battalion, London Regiment, was killed in action on the 14th February, 1915, and his elder brother, F. R. Beausire, was, at the time of writing, serving with the Artists' Rifles, after having served in France for five months in the ranks.

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