



JONATHAN HOLT BEEVER

LIEUTENANT J. H. BEEVER

Royal Horse Artillery

The Head Master's 11²-14²

Aged 20

March 24th, 1918

YOUNGER SON of Major H. H. Beever, R.F.A., of Littleton House, Blandford, and of Mrs. Beever.

R.M.A., Woolwich, 1915. Won the Riding Prize.

Lieutenant Beever passed out of Woolwich in July, 1915, and went to France in July, 1916, joining the A/119th Brigade R.F.A. In 1917 he was posted to the Royal Horse Artillery. He was killed on March 24th, 1918, when in command of his Battery. His Adjutant wrote to his father:—

“G Battery was ordered into action on the 21st. The Captain was wounded and missing the same evening, and the command of the Battery then devolved upon your son. He fought the Battery with extraordinary skill and gallantry in the rearguard action which followed, hanging on to the last moment to cover the retreat of the Infantry. On two occasions he took teams from G Battery to save guns, bringing them back each time. Accounts speak of the splendid work done by the Battery, which was fully up to the highest standard of the Horse Artillery. Your son was killed instantly by a shell on March 24th and was buried near Herbécourt. The Officer in Command, with whom we have been working, wishes to recommend your son for the Victoria Cross, and we all wish to pay our tribute to a very gallant comrade. I feel sure it will be a great consolation to you to know that it is considered that the Horse Artillery played a great part on very critical days.”

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