



CAPT. ERIC W. BOTTOMLEY
(U.C.S. 1907-12)

Bottomley, Eric William (U.C.S. 1907-12), Capt. London Regiment, killed in an attack on June 17, 1917. From the day he entered the School till he gained his Fifteen cap, in 1911-12, he entered whole-heartedly into our School life, in spite of rather delicate health, and was one of those to whom affection comes unsought.

“ He was reported missing on June 15th. His company was cut off in an attack near Bullecourt. None of the men got back, but the German report of the engagement stated that some officers were taken prisoners. In September we received through the Red Cross Society of Geneva a post

card from C.S.-M. Payne, of Eric's company, who was taken prisoner, stating that on the morning of June 17th he found Capt. Bottomley buried to his shoulders. He succeeded in releasing him, but as soon as he gained his feet he was shot through the head and fell. Private Hunt said he saw Capt. Bottomley lying dead after he left him.

“ An official notice from the War Office states that they have received information from Private Skinner, 2/4th London Regiment, a prisoner of war, stating that ‘ he found Capt. Bottomley severely wounded, and stayed with him until he died, when he was himself captured.’ ”

(Extracted from a letter, November 11, 1917, from his father, Prof. W. B. Bottomley.) House U.

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