



Source : Tonbridge School Roll Of Honour

2ND LIEUT. CYRIL JAMES MOSS,
1ST BATTN. SUFFOLK REGT.

DIED IN LONDON AUGUST 19TH, 1916, AS
THE RESULT OF INJURIES RECEIVED
ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE SALO-
NIKA E.F. AGED 23.

At the School 1907—10 (Day Boy).

2nd Lieut. C. J. Moss was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. James Moss, of Inversnaid, Woodfield Road, Tonbridge, and his father was Gymnastic Instructor at the School from 1889 to 1895.

Coming to the School in September, 1907, he left from the Modern Sixth at Christmas, 1910, having been a House Praepostor, a Sergeant in the O.T.C., a member of the Gymnasium VIII. and in the 2nd XI. He was also awarded by resolution of the Games Committee Complimentary 1st XV. Colours, "in view of the fact that for two years in succession he had been deprived by unfortunate accidents of receiving his Colours in the ordinary course." The dislocation of his jaw in effecting a brilliant "collar" as full-back in the first match in his last Term had prevented his playing again. In the Sports of 1910 he won the Open Half Mile in 2.14 and the Mile in 4.54, and was also 2nd to W. W. Neville in the Cross-Country. He had previously come in 1st in the Cross-Country Race v. The South London Harriers, and after leaving School he joined that Club. He was a runner "with wonderful finishing powers and excellent judgment," and won the S.L.H. Four-Mile Championship, which carries

with it the Fowler-Dixon Cup, and their Five-Mile "Gibb" Challenge Cup Scratch Race. He also won the Three-Mile Inter-Banks Championship.

He had become a member of the staff of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, and after service in London was transferred to a branch at Constantinople, and from thence to Konia. As soon as war broke out he obtained leave to come home to serve, and joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. He then obtained a nomination for R.M.C., Sandhurst, was gazetted to the Suffolk Regiment, May 12th, 1915, and after a period with the Special Reserve he joined the 2nd Battn. at the Front in June, 1915.

He took part in the Battle of Hooge, but in August was invalided to England as "a stretcher case," suffering from shell-shock and fever. On his recovery he was on duty in England till January, when he went out to Egypt and thence to Salonika, where he had the misfortune to be injured by a kick from a horse in May, whilst serving with the 1st Suffolks. Septic poisoning set in and he was again brought to England in June, and was for seven weeks in hospital in Grosvenor Place. At one time he appeared to make progress, but a relapse followed. Cheerful and uncomplaining to the last, he gradually sank and passed away on August 19th, 1916.

His C.O. wrote:—

"You have the sympathy of all the officers and men of the Battalion; he was a most promising officer, and had just qualified in trench-mortar-gun, in which he was very well reported on, full of energy and with a great power of organisation, as well as a good command of men for his age. He is a great loss to the Battalion."