

Personals.

Casualties.

Captain **LESLIE STAFFORD CHARLES**, Worcestershire Regiment and R.F.C., reported missing on July 30th and since reported killed on that day, aged 21, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stafford Charles, of Broomfield, Stanmore. He was educated at Stanmore Park (the Rev. Vernon Royle), where he took a Mathematical Scholarship for Harrow. At Harrow he became a member of the O.T.C. and the Philatelic Club, and head of his house. He left there in July, 1914, and in the following month received a commission in the Worcestershire Regiment. In May, 1915, he was sent to Gallipoli and was present at the battles of June 4th-9th. He was subsequently invalided home, and was gazetted Captain on November 20th, 1915. Early this year he joined the Royal Flying Corps and took his pilot's certificate last April. He left for active service on July 5th, and lost his life in a combat in the air over the German lines.

Second Lieutenant **A. CROPPER**, Wiltshire Regiment and R.F.C., who has died of wounds, was the younger son of the Rev. C. H. E. Cropper, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Clifton, and was 19 years of age.

Second Lieutenant **A. B. DREWERY**, R.F.C., reported killed, was the only son of Mrs. Drewery, 2, Fernley Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham. Educated at St. John's School, Sparkhill, he gained a Foundation Scholarship at Camp Hill Grammar School, and also the Yardley Governors' Exhibition. He was the winner of many certificates and honours at the Municipal Technical School, and after serving an apprenticeship with Kynoch, Ltd., was employed at the works of Willans and Robinson, Rugby, and the Wolseley Motor Co., Birmingham. In 1913 he was elected graduate of the Institution of Automobile Engineers. When war broke out he had been for nearly two years in partnership in a motor agency at Scarborough, but immediately enlisted in the Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport. He was 10 months in France with heavy lorries, and, being made Sergeant, was nine months with field ambulances. Accepting his discharge in March, 1916, he applied for a commission in the Naval Air Service, but not being successful he went to a flying school at his own expense, and obtained his certificate in six weeks, after which he got his commission in the Royal Flying Corps, and on July 1st went to the Front.

Second Lieutenant **ERNEST EDWARD GLORNEY**, R.F.C., killed on October 25th, was born in 1887. He was the youngest son of the late George Glorney and Mrs. Glorney, of Dublin, and was educated in Dublin. A mining engineer, he graduated from Columbia University, New York, and the Royal School of Mines, South Kensington, and was a member of the Institute of Mines and Metallurgy. He followed his profession in North and South America, South Africa, and Nigeria. At the outbreak of war he held the position of mining engineer and manager of the Renang Tin Mining Company, Siam, which position he gave up in order to return to England and join the Royal Flying Corps. He received his commission early this year.

Second Lieutenant **WILLIAM HENRY IRVINE**, R.F.C., killed while flying in England on October 25th, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvine, of Southerndown, Bridgend, Glamorgan. He was educated at the Old Hall, Wellington, Shropshire, and at Malvern. After leaving school in December last he matriculated at London University, after which he was employed at a munition factory. He enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers in May, and got his commission in the Royal Flying Corps in July, and received his "wings" on September 28th.

Lieutenant **JOHN ANDERSON MANN**, Cameronians, attached R.F.C., previously reported missing on August 9th, was shot down on that date with his pilot when on patrol duty. He was 21 years of age, and was educated at Ardvreck, Charterhouse, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was the best rifle shot of his year in the public schools. On the outbreak

of war he was gazetted to the Scottish Rifles, and joined the Royal Flying Corps last March. Shortly afterwards he and his pilot distinguished themselves by disposing of eight German aeroplanes in seven days. They were each awarded the Military Cross for consistent gallantry and skill. Lieutenant Mann was the eldest son of Mr. John Mann, chartered accountant, of Glasgow and London.

Second Lieutenant **FRANCIS GEORGE WAKE MARCHANT**, R. West Kent Regiment and R.F.C., killed on October 22nd, aged 19, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marchant, of Woodside, Hayes Common, Kent. He was educated at Eton and Sandhurst, and received his commission in the R. West Kent Regiment on October 19th, 1915, but joined the Royal Flying Corps the same week. He went overseas on March 30th last.

Lieutenant **THOMAS WALDEGRAVE NOPS**, R.F.C., reported killed in action, was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nops, of Brentwood Lodge, Surbiton Hill, and was 24 years of age. Educated at King's College, he entered the service of Messrs. Higginson and Co., City bankers. Joining the Public Schools Corps at the outbreak of the war, he was gazetted to the East Surrey Regiment, and afterwards transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. In a letter the commanding officer states that Lieutenant Nops was in the air in a kite balloon with an observation officer, when the balloon was suddenly attacked by an enemy aeroplane. Instead of hurrying to the ground in his parachute Lieutenant Nops opened fire on the aeroplane with his rifle. In the excitement of the fight he did not appear to notice that the balloon had been set on fire on top, until the flames spread and the balloon began to fall to the ground. He showed the observation officer how to put the final attachment to his parachute, and told his companion to jump. The officer did so, and reached the ground safely. He expected Lieutenant Nops would follow, but it is surmised he had no time to escape by means of his own parachute. He fell with the balloon and was killed instantaneously.

Second Lieutenant **AUBREY F. A. PATTERSON**, R.F.C., unofficially reported as having died of wounds as a prisoner of war in Germany, was born in 1895. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Patterson, of 40, Cleveland Square, Hyde Park, and was educated at Berkhamstead and Eastbourne College. He distinguished himself as an athlete and took the swimming championship at Eastbourne when he was 16. Within a few days of the outbreak of war he enlisted in the H.A.C. and went out to France at the end of 1914. He was invalided to England in 1915, and received a commission in the West Yorkshire Regiment, being subsequently attached to the R.F.C. He went back to the Front this year and became actively engaged in bombing operations, in which he did "excellent work." He was brought down on September 17th by a German squadron, and died of his wounds at Osnabruck.

Second Lieutenant **GEORGE KEITH WELSFORD**, R.F.C., reported killed, was the eldest son of Mr. J. H. Welsford and Mrs. Welsford, of Carlton Gardens and Mansfield House, Iver Heath, Bucks, and was 25 years of age. He was educated at Bilton Grange and at Harrow. Lieutenant Welsford was a keen member of the Harrow O.T.C., and was the school champion light-weight boxer and a school swimmer. At the outbreak of war he was sugar-planting in Demerara. He returned home immediately and enlisted in the Royal Engineers as a despatch rider. Lieutenant Welsford went to the Front in June, 1915. He was gazetted Second Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps in June, 1916, and was posted as a fully qualified Observer a few weeks ago.

Wounded.

Flight-Lieutenant **O. D. FILLEY**, R.F.C., officially reported wounded, is an American, who was president of the Harvard University Boat Club and stroke of the Harvard eight which visited England in 1906 to row a match on the tideway against