

Personals

UNDER the above heading will be published weekly particulars of a personal character relating to those who have fallen or have been wounded in the country's service, announcements of marriage and other items concerning members of the Flying Services and others well known in the world of aviation. We shall be pleased to receive for publication properly authenticated particulars suitable for this column.

Captain ARTHUR FORBES BAKER, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, attached R.F.C., previously reported missing, but now officially stated to have been killed on April 11th, was the second son of Mr. F. W. Baker, of 10, De Vere Gardens, W. He was educated at Ashdown House, Forest Row, the School of Mines, Camborne, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. In August, 1914, he was engaged in professional work in Siberia, and when war broke out returned immediately to England, and was gazetted in October to the D.C.L.I. In April, 1915, he left for the front, and remained with his regiment on active service until seconded to the R.F.C., acting as observer at the front for five months, after which he returned to England, and in July, 1916, received his certificate as pilot. He was employed for some time in a night flying squadron. He returned to the front in the late autumn, and in March of this year was gazetted flight commander. He was mentioned in despatches in 1915 for services while with his battalion.

Second Lieutenant C. T. L. DONALDSON, Yeomanry and R.F.C. (killed in action on April 14th), was 20 years of age, and son of the late Archibald Falconar Donaldson, of Donaldson Brothers, shipowners, Glasgow, and of Mrs. Donaldson. He had his Yeomanry commission in March, 1915, and was afterwards attached to the R.F.C.

Captain ARTHUR TYLSTON GREG, Cheshire Regiment, attached R.F.C., killed on April 23rd in an action in the air, was the eldest son of Colonel E. W. Greg, V.D. (commanding a Reserve Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment) and Mrs. E. W. Greg, of Norcliffe Hall, Styal, Cheshire. He was educated at Rugby School, where he was an officer in the O.T.C., and New College, Oxford. He matriculated at Oxford in March, 1913, and joined the O.T.C. In August, 1914, he received his commission, and proceeded to the Front in September, 1914. While there he was attached temporarily to the Sherwood Foresters, and did duty with that regiment until just before Christmas, 1914, when he was invalided home for a short time. On returning to the Front early in January, 1915, he was attached to a battalion of the Cheshire Regiment, with whom he remained until he was severely wounded on May 8th, 1915. On his recovery he rejoined his own battalion, and was promoted captain in November, 1915. Later he was appointed battalion bombing officer, and in September, 1916, he was selected as a candidate for the R.F.C. He received his training for this Corps in England and France, and was sent out for active service to France in April, 1917.

Lieutenant MARTIN A. LILLIS, Royal Irish Regiment, attached R.F.C., was the youngest son of Mr. Thomas Barry Lillis, managing director, Munster and Leinster Bank, and Mrs. Lillis, Carrig, Queenstown. He was educated at Clongowes Wood College and Trinity College, Dublin, where he took his degree, and was called to the Bar in 1913. He entered Sandhurst in 1914 after the outbreak of war, was attached to the R.F.C., and had been flying at the front since January, 1916. On one occasion, when 6,000 feet up over the German lines, he had the top of his engine blown away, and managed with great skill to bring his machine back to safety. He fell on April 11th, aged 26.

Second Lieutenant P. A. RUSSELL, Yeomanry, attached R.F.C., killed on April 2nd, was the second son of the late P. B. Russell, and of Mrs. Russell, of Lanton, Kirknewton, Northumberland, and was aged 28. Educated at Edinburgh Academy and Sherborne, he joined the Yeomanry on the outbreak of war, and later proceeded to Gallipoli, where he took part in the Suvla landing and the subsequent evacuation. He took his pilot's certificate in September, 1916, and proceeded to another Front in October, 1916. He was a member of the Duke of Buccleuch and North Northumberland Hunts, and was a prominent rider at the Border Hunt Steeplechase at Kelso.

The death from wounds received in action is reported of Second Lieutenant F. J. E. STAFFORD, R.F.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stafford, of Brighton and Haywards Heath, and grandson of the late Alderman Stafford, formerly Mayor of Brighton.

Captain E. A. TWIDALE, R.F.A., attached R.F.C., killed on April 22nd, was the eldest son of Mr. Ashby Twidale, Niagara Falls, Ontario, and a grandson of the Rev. Joseph

Twidale, of Melton Mowbray. At the outbreak of war, he enlisted in the Canadian Forces in the Eaton machine-gun battery, in which he was made sergeant. While in England he was offered a commission in the R.F.A., which he accepted, and proceeding to the front in March, 1916, he was through the Somme advance and was promoted to captain in September, 1916. He joined the R.F.C. Kite Balloon Section last January. Captain Twidale was a B.Sc. of Toronto.

Lieutenant JOHN GEORGE WILL, R.F.C., who was posted as missing some weeks ago, is now reported to have been killed in action on March 25th. He was second son of Dr. and Mrs. Will, of Bethnall House, Cambridge Road, and won fame at Merchant Taylors' School and at Downing College, Cambridge, in both scholarship and sport. In Rugby football he possessed gifts for half and three-quarter back play that secured for him his Blue as a Freshman in the Cambridge Fifteen, and Caps for Scotland in the Scottish national matches of 1912 and 1914. His years in the Cambridge Fifteen were 1911, 1912 and 1913, and he was captain elect of the Cambridge R.F.U. when war broke out. In his Freshman's days at Cambridge Will played flying half, but afterwards he became a dashing left wing three-quarter, and played many great games in that position for Cambridge and for Scotland. Before joining the R.F.C. he served with the Leinsters, and was wounded.

Missing.

Captain CRATHORNE EDWARD ISHAM CHARLTON-ANNE (Bob), R.F.C., youngest son of Major and Mrs. Anne, of Burghwallis, Yorks, is reported missing, and believed to have been drowned on April 15th.

Married and to be Married.

An engagement is announced between ARTHUR JAMES ANNANDALE, Second Lieutenant, late Royal Irish Rifles, attached R.F.C., son of the late James Hunter Annandale, of Polton, Midlothian, and of Mrs. Annandale, and THEODORA LINDSAY, only child of Colonel A. L. CALDWELL, Army Service Corps, and Mrs. Caldwell, and grand-daughter of the late Right Rev. Bishop Caldwell.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Lieutenant-Colonel Henry LE M. BROCK, D.S.O., Royal Warwickshire Regiment and R.F.C., third son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Walter Brock, of St. Peter-in-the-Wood, Guernsey, and DAPHNE, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CECIL A. CAREY, of Hanteville, Guernsey.

Captain CHARLES MURRAY PICKTHORN, M.C., R.F.C., second son of the late C. Wright Pickthorn and Mrs. Pickthorn, of West Kensington, was on April 28th at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, married to BESSIE DOROTHY BATTEN BELL, elder daughter of the late William Bell, of Belfast, and Mrs. Batten Bell, Wimbledon.

Items.

Wing Commander (Lieutenant Colonel, R.M.L.I.) CHARLES E. H. RATHBORNE, R.N., who was officially reported on April 29th to be a prisoner of war, is apparently the "lieutenant-colonel" who was announced by the Germans to have been captured during the reprisal raid on Freiburg on April 14th. Colonel Rathborne, who is an interpreter in German, was appointed for instruction at the Central Flying School in January, 1913, and subsequently served at Felixstowe Air Station, becoming a flight commander in August, 1913. During the present war he commanded a squadron of aircraft in the combined aeroplane and seaplane operations in the Bruges-Ostend-Zeebrugge district from February 11th to 16th, 1915.

A Requiem Mass for Squadron Commander JOHN PETRE, D.S.C., youngest son of Mr. Sebastian H. Petre, who lost his life in a flying accident abroad, took place at Ingatestone Hall on the 27th April. The congregation included officers of a bombing school and officers and men of the R.N.A.S. By a coincidence the service took place on the birthday of an elder brother, Edward Petre, a pioneer of aviation who lost his life in England five years ago. It is hoped to bring Commander Petre's body home after the war.

A memorial service for Lieutenant FRANK R. SEELY, eldest son of Brigadier-General the Right Hon. John B. Seely, M.P., formerly Secretary of State for War, was held on April 27th at Brooke Church, Isle of Wight.