

# Personals

## Casualties.

Lieutenant JOHN HAY CALDWELL, Cameron Highlanders, attached R.F.C., killed on January 24th, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Caldwell, of Morar, Inverness-shire. Born in 1894, he was educated under Mr. Bowden-Smith, Bengoe School, Hertford, and at Eton, where he was in Mr. Byrne's house. In 1912, while still at school, he was gazetted to the Lovat's Scouts Yeomanry from the Eton College O.T.C., obtaining a commission in the 3rd Cameron Highlanders in 1914. He was mobilized with his battalion on the outbreak of war, and in 1917 transferred to the R.F.C., with which he was serving when he met his death. A fine athlete, he was Keeper of the Field at Eton in 1912, and obtained his Oppidan Wall, Mixed Wall, and Field colours, also representing Eton at both Rugby and Association. He was a member of the Eton Society, the Athletic Committee, and the Scientific Society.

Lieutenant CECIL STANLEY GASKAIN, R.F.A., attached R.F.C., who was missing on May 7th, 1917, and now presumed killed on that date, was the fourth son of D. H. Gaskain, of 45, Borough High Street, and The Grange, Grove Park, Kent.

Major WILLIAM ROBERT GREGORY, M.C., R.F.C., of Coole Park, Co. Galway, killed on January 23rd, was the only son of the late Right Hon. Sir William Gregory, a distinguished Harrovian. He was educated at Harrow, where he took the first classical scholarship of the year, and went on to New College, Oxford. Afterwards he studied painting in Paris under Blanche, who declared that his work "had reached the highest level of artistic and intellectual merit." He exhibited at the New English and other galleries paintings of West Irish landscape. The Abbey Theatre in its earlier days owed much to the beautiful scenes painted and designed by him, especially for Synge's *Deirdre of the Sorrows*, Mr. Yeats's *Shadowy Waters*, and his mother's (Lady Gregory) *The Image*. He was a fine boxer, and was well known as a cricketer in the Phoenix, and his county club, and was a fearless rider in the hunting field and in point-to-point races. He joined the Connaught Rangers in the autumn of 1915, and in January of 1916 began his training for the R.F.C. He went to France in August, returning to England in the following July after 11 months' continuous active service, and after having been awarded the Military Cross for acts of bravery in the air, and for having "invariably displayed the highest courage and skill," and the Legion of Honour for "many acts of conspicuous bravery." Last autumn he was given command of a Scout Squadron in France, and in November went to another front.

Second Lieutenant FREDERICK DAVID MILLER, R.F.C., the second son of Mr. H. Miller, late of the Military Works Services, India, came to England last April from India, where he was employed in the Irrigation Department, P.W.D., United Provinces, as a temporary engineer. He resigned his appointment to join the Royal Flying Corps, and went out to the front at the end of last December. He was mortally wounded in action over the German lines on the morning of February 4th. His pilot was also wounded, but with great skill and pluck landed safely at one of our aerodromes. Both were taken to the nearest hospital, where Lieutenant Miller died about four hours afterwards. As the result of his last engagement eight out of 12 enemy machines were brought down by his patrol of 10, and the only casualties were in his own machine.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM REGINALD STINTSON SMITH, R.F.C., was the only son of the late T. B. Smith and Mrs. Smith, of 19, Dene's Mansions. He was educated at Lindley Lodge and at Shrewsbury School, entering Mr. Oldham's house in September, 1912. Before he left in December, 1916, he was a school monitor, a member of the cricket eleven, and a senior "whip." In January, 1917, he joined the R.F.C., gaining his wings in August. In September he was posted to a squadron, and left for France in October. After being there only a fortnight his machine was brought down, and he was reported missing on October 22nd. News has now been officially received that he died of wounds in Germany, aged 19. His O.C. writes that he was a most able pilot and very popular with the squadron. Besides being an excellent cricketer, Second Lieutenant Smith was a fine golfer, being a regular player with the A.D.V. Golf Club.

Mr. VERNON CASTLE, the well-known professional dancer, has been killed in a flying accident. Mr. Castle, who was a Captain in the R.F.C., was an instructor in an American Cadet aviation camp. His plane was 50 ft. above the ground and was moving rapidly, when another machine started to rise. Mr. Castle saw the danger of a collision and undertook a difficult turn. The plane failed to respond and crashed to the ground. Mr. Castle was killed instantly. The cadet in the other machine was injured.

The news of the death of Mr. Vernon Castle was received with deep regret in theatrical circles in London. He was at the zenith of his professional career when some two years ago he decided to join the Army. At that time he and his wife were drawing from £1,500 to £2,000 a week as dancers, and when Mr. Castle decided to give up the stage for the Army, Mr. Charles Dillingham, the well-known New York manager, wanted him to get a Base appointment. He would not do so, however, but came to England, and eventually received a commission in the R.F.C. He went to France, and was engaged in several fights. Later he was sent to Canada to train airmen, and there, some six months ago, had an accident. Afterwards he was lent to the American Army as a training officer. In the United States he did a great deal of propaganda for the Allies. He first went to America some 10 years ago and played eccentric juvenile parts. Five years ago he married an American girl who had never been on the stage, and it was in Paris that she and her husband first appeared as dancing partners with immediate success. Mrs. Castle is at present playing the leading rôle in "The Century Girl" in New York. Mr. Castle was about 34 years of age. His parents live in England.

Sub-Lieutenant CYRIL JEWELL, R.N.A.S., of Henden Manor, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks, and 7, Sloane Street, London, S.W., who was accidentally killed whilst flying in Hampshire on February 8th, was the second son of Henry Jewell, of 132, High Holborn.

Lieutenant LEONARD MONTEAGLE BARLOW, M.C. (with two bars), R.F.C., Special Reserve, who was accidentally killed near Ipswich on February 5th, aged 19, was the eldest of the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barlow, of Ben Varne, Wallington. When war broke out he was senior engineering student at the Finsbury Technical College, where he gained both an entrance scholarship and the Salaman research scholarship from the Institution of Electrical Engineers, and was elected a student member of this society. When only 17 he first made application to join the R.F.C., and succeeded in obtaining his commission on his 18th birthday. He went to France with the famous 56th Scout Squadron, to which the late Captain Ball, V.C., D.S.C., M.C., belonged. At daybreak on the morning of the Battle of Messines Ridge he volunteered to fly alone about 30 miles behind the German lines at an altitude not exceeding 150 feet, with the object of preventing enemy observation machines from leaving two aerodromes. This he accomplished most successfully, and was awarded the Military Cross. For a considerable part of the seven months he was in France he was senior in his flight, and led it into numerous actions. He is officially credited with 17 Hun aeroplanes destroyed, and when the total had reached ten he received the first bar to his Military Cross. His second bar was won by rescuing a comrade who was endeavouring to defend himself against great odds in an aerial combat. Before leaving France he was strongly recommended for a captaincy, which he never lived to receive. On returning to England he first became a Scout Pilot Instructor, and subsequently Test Pilot to an Aeroplane Experimental Station, where on February 5th he met his death whilst carrying out some official tests. He had scarcely reached an altitude of 150 feet when the engine failed, and the machine nose-dived to earth and burst into flames. His death is believed to have been instantaneous. His brother, Sub-Lieutenant Harold Monteagle Barlow, R.N.V.R., who had a similar scientific training and has flown, received his commission in the Wireless Experimental Research Department of the Navy at the exceptionally early age of 17. The funeral took place at Bandon Hill, with full military honours.

Flight Lieutenant "JACK" PITT, R.F.C., who died on February 7th of injuries sustained in a flying accident in England, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pitt, of