

SECOND-LIEUT. WALTER JOSEPH COLTMAN,

OF THE

6TH LONDON REGIMENT.



EC.-LIEUT. WALTER JOSEPH COLTMAN, who died of wounds on June 2nd, 1917, was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Charles Coltman, of Woodside Park, London, N.

Born at New Barnet, Hertfordshire, on May 3rd, 1896, and educated at Norman Court, New Barnet, and Highgate School, Lieut. Coltman was among the Army which being in that and September listing in the Brigade, he France with a 1915, and after less through the Ypres, returned August of that his commission, brother Arthur, quently gazet-London Regi-ary, 1917, returned to for some time ing Officer to until he was sent to hospital in France, whence he returned to the firing line on May 23rd, and on June 1st was again wounded, this time mortally, as he succumbed to his injuries the following day.



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first of that fine sprang into eventful August of 1914. En-London Rifle went out to draft in March, passing scath-second battle of to England in year to take he, with his being subse- ted to the 6th ment. In Janu- Lieut. Coltman France, and acted as Bomb- his Battalion, wounded and

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A brother officer in his Company writes :—

“ I miss him terribly, as he was such a help to me, and we were practically running the Company together. Had I had my way he would never have gone out on the working party at all. . . . Jimmy was loved by us all, and the Non-Commissioned Officers and men of “ B ” Company have asked me to tell you how sorry they all are.”

The Vicar of St. Mark's Church, New Barnet, received the following testimony to Lieut. Coltman's fine character :—

“ May I offer to you my deepest sympathies in the loss of so sterling a man and so good a member of your congregation. I know how you must feel terribly this loss. I shall always remember Joe Coltman as a rare fine fellow.”

Another writes :—

“ The memory I shall ever cherish of Joe is that of a dear good lad.”

Lieut. Coltman's brother, Lieut. Arthur Coltman, was also wounded on February 15th, 1917, and was just out of hospital when Lieut. W. J. Coltman died.

Lieut. W. J. Coltman was a fine type of the young Englishman ; devoted to duty, he was equally strenuous at play. At Highgate he was a member of both the First Football and Cricket Teams, and in 1916 he Captained the Regimental Team which won the Road Walking Association forced march at Epsom.

The loss of such a young life, of vigour and promise, is indeed grievous ; but the example he set and the noble work he did for his Country are imperishable.