



CHRISTOPHER BUTLER PRIOR-WANDESFORDE

27 July, 1910. In Australia he followed his own trade in Sydney, Yass and Goulburn; volunteered for Imperial Service, and joined the Australian Forces in 1914; served with the Expeditionary Force in Egypt, and France, and died at No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 20 July, 1916, from wounds received in action. Buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension on that date; *unm.*

**PRIOR - WANDESFORDE, CHRISTOPHER BUTLER**, Lieut., 4th (Territorial) Battn. Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regt.), eldest s. of Richard Henry Prior-Wandesforde, of Castlecomer House, co. Kilkenny, and Kirklington Hall

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## The Roll of Honour

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.. No. 51237. Royal Field by his wife, Emily Esther, 1879; educ. there; was a ed with the Expeditionary led 15 May, 1917, from of that month. Buried at more upright and con- ver met in my 27 years' i." He m. at Tottenham, h Tottenham, N.), dau of ; Clifford Edward; Victor

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and Hipswell Lodge, co. York, J.P., D.L., by his wife, Florence, dau. of the late Rev. W. F. Pryor; b. Castlecomer, 15 Dec. 1896; educ. Mourne Grange, co. Down, and Rugby, where he was for two years in the Rugby



C. B. Prior-Wandesforde.

Shooting Eight, including the year 1912, when the school won the "Ashburton Shield" at Bisley; he passed into Trinity College, Cambridge, in March, 1915, but instead of entering the University volunteered for active service, and obtained a commission on the 31st of that month; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders; was wounded slightly in Sept. 1916, and died at No. 49 Casualty Clearing Station 27 June, 1917, from the effects of gas poisoning. After having been himself gassed in a dug-out, he persisted in rescuing others, and this extra exertion caused the gas to penetrate his system, and resulted in his death the same day. Buried at Achiet-le-Grand, near Bapaume. His Colonel wrote: "He was such a good, keen officer, and so popular with us all and with his men, that I cannot tell you how sorry we are for you," and his Major: "We were all so fond of your son, and our loss is indeed great." His Captain also wrote: "His was one of the sunniest natures I have ever met.

and no danger or difficulty seemed to damp his spirits for more than a few minutes. And he was the very embodiment of charity: I never once heard him say an evil or unkind word of anybody behind that man's back. He was wonderful good company. After he was gassed he spent the greater part of two hours looking after his men and getting them safely out of danger." *Unm.*

**WANN, JOHN**, Gunner, No. 227470, 124th Division, Royal Field Artillery, eldest s. of David Wann, of Lillian Cottage, Cupar, by his wife, Mary, dau. of James Smith; b. Cupar, co. Fife, 9 June, 1886; educ. there; was a Draper in Edinburgh; enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery 10 April, 1917; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 2 Sept., and was killed in action near Ypres 12 Nov. following. Buried where he fell. He m. at Edinburgh, 7 April, 1917, Mary (4, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh), dau. of the late George Johnston, of Portobello, Midlothian.

**WARBIS, HENRY JOHN FRANCIS**, Private, No. 241873, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.), s. of Henry Thomas Warbis, French Polisher; b. Bethnal Green, E.; educ. there; enlisted in the Royal West Kent Regt. 25

LIEUTENANT C. B. PRIOR-WANDESFORDE

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4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION ALEXANDRA PRINCESS OF WALES'S OWN  
(YORKSHIRE REGIMENT), T.F.

CHRISTOPHER BUTLER PRIOR-WANDESFORDE was the eldest son of Temporary Captain Richard Henry Prior-Wandesforde, J.P., D.L., Royal Field Artillery, of Castlecomer House, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, and of Kirklington Hall and Hipswell Lodge, Yorkshire, and of Florence Jackson his wife, daughter of the Rev. W. F. Pryor, of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He entered the School in 1911 and left in 1914. He was in the Shooting VIII in 1912 and 1914, helping to win the Ashburton Shield in 1912.

He passed into Trinity College, Cambridge, but, instead of going into residence, volunteered for active service and received his Commission in March, 1915.

He went to France in March, 1916, and was wounded slightly in September. In November he was promoted Lieutenant with seniority of February, 1916.

His death was due to the effects of gas poisoning. After being gassed himself, he worked for nearly two hours in rescuing his men, and this extra exertion caused the gas to penetrate his system, and resulted in his death some hours later at the Casualty Station at Achiet-le-Grand, where he was buried. He died on June 27th, 1917. Age 20.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He was such a good, keen Officer, and so popular with us all and the men, that I cannot tell you how sorry we are for you.”

A brother Officer wrote :—

“His was one of the sunniest natures I have ever met, and nothing, no danger or difficulty or worry, seemed to damp his spirits for more than a few minutes. And he was the very embodiment of charity. I never once heard him say an evil or unkind word of anybody behind that man's back. At all times he was wonderfully good company, and during the periods when, for one reason or another, he was away from the Battalion, we missed him more than most. I merely speak of these things, his good humour, sunniness and natural kindness, because they struck one as being most

characteristic of him. You knew them a thousand-fold better than I did, and all the other good that was in him. After he was gassed, he spent the greater part of two hours looking after his men and getting them out of the dangerous area. It is what you would expect of him."

The Chaplain, who was with him in hospital, said that his unselfishness was an example to the whole ward, and that many of his men stated that he had carried them out of the dug-out on his back, and that they owed their lives to him.

His soldier servant wrote :—

"I have been his servant for ten months, and during this time he has been as fine a master as any man could wish for. I was very fond of him, and liked and respected him very much. I just want to say how very sorry we are to lose him. It may be easier for you to bear when I tell you that his death was probably due to helping us out of the dug-out."