

Lieutenant ALWYNE CHADWYK HOBSON

Alwyne was born at Bromborough in Cheshire in the autumn of 1892. His elder brother, Lt. Col. G. W. Hobson, lived at Misterton Hall in the 1920s and was one of the first trustees of the former Memorial Hall. The son of a cotton broker, Alwyn attended Eton followed by Magdalen College, Oxford. He joined the 2nd Life Guards, a regiment of the Household Cavalry, after university and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 29 August 1914.

Wounded by a rifle bullet in the left arm on 6 November 1914, Alwyne was later passed fit for service and returned to the front in February 1915. Two months later his Battalion saw action in the Second Battle of Ypres for control of the town. This battle saw the first mass use of poison gas by Germany on the Western Front.

Alwyne was killed on 13 May 1915. A report in the Chester Chronicle of 5 June 1915 says that on the night of 12/13 May his regiment was in the trenches when the Germans tried to break through with “the most terrific artillery assault”. He was at first buried by a shell but dug out. Half an hour later he was wounded in the head by shrapnel. “Then as they left the trenches, he was helping to carry a wounded brother officer to the dressing station, and was himself wounded again in the leg, and finally killed instantaneously by a shell.” He was buried by the 1st Royal Dragoons “near Railway Clump, Potijze Road, N.E. Ypres.”

His death is commemorated at the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.



*At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*