

Aymer Edward Maxwell was born on the 26th.October 1877,the son of Sir Herbert Maxwell,7th Baronet.He enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in 1897.He served during the Boer War and took part in the advance on Kimberley.He retired from the regular army on the 4th.September 1907 with the rank of Captain:he joined the Territorials.

In 1914 he re-enlisted in the Grenadier Guards and served as second in command with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of the newly formed Royal Naval Division.

Antwerp was the seat of the Belgian Government from 17th.August to 7th.October 1914.On the 27th.September the Germans laid siege to Antwerp;during the first week of October the Royal Naval Division entered the city to secure its defence.The city fell to the Germans on the 10th.October.

Whilst going about his duties behind the firing line during the early hours of the 9th.October,Aymer Maxwell was shot dead by a sniper. He is buried in Schoonselhof Cemetery in a suburb of Antwerp.

On the 20th.October 1909 Aymer Maxwell had married Lady Mary Percy,daughter of the 7th.Duke of Northumberland.His name does not appear on our War Memorial but on a plaque in the Northumberland chapel with that of his wife who is buried in our churchyard.

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In Memory of
Lieutenant Colonel
Aymer Edward Maxwell

Temporarily commissioned to, Royal Marines who died on 09 October 1914 Age 36

Son of the Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, 7th Bart., of Monreith, Wigtownshire, and Lady Maxwell; husband of Lady Mary Maxwell, of House of Elrig, Portwilliam, Wigtownshire. Served in the South African Campaign with Grenadier Guards.

Remembered with Honour
Schoonselhof Cemetery



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Aylmer Edward Maxwell

in the Great Britain, Royal Naval Division Casualties of The Great War, 1914-1924

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Name: Aylmer Edward Maxwell
 Service Branch: Royal Marines
 Unit: Collingwood Bn.
 Rank: Lieutenant Colonel
 Death Date: 9 Oct 1914
 Cause of Death: Died of wounds
 Burial: Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp (B 342)
 Service History: Collingwood Bn. Officer Commanding at Antwerp 1914
 Service Number: ex-Captain 1st Lovat Scouts & Grenadier Guards

Notes: Served in the South African Campaign with the Grenadier Guards ; Age 36 ; Son of the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, 7th Bart., of Monreith, Wigtownshire, & Lady Maxwell ; Husband of Lady Mary Maxwell, of House of Elrig, Port William, Wigtownshire ; 1914 Star & clasp issued to widow, Lady Mary Maxwell, 21/9/20 ; The Rev. H.C. Foster, M.A., Chaplain to the 2nd Naval Brigade, wrote in "At Antwerp and The Dardanelles" (page 108):- He [Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell] knew no fear, and in spite of the fact that he wore red tabs which are always associated with the Headquarters Staff, went about his duties without thinking of his personal safety. Just behind the firing-line he was going his rounds in the early hours of Sunday, May 9th, when he was shot through the heart by a sniper. He was popular with all ranks; we admired him as a soldier, we loved him as a man. To many he was known as "the brains" of the Brigade, and there is no doubt that it was largely owing to Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell's knowledge and experience that we met with such astonishing success in the field. His body lay in such a dangerous place that it was impossible to move it, and he was buried quietly at the spot where he fell.

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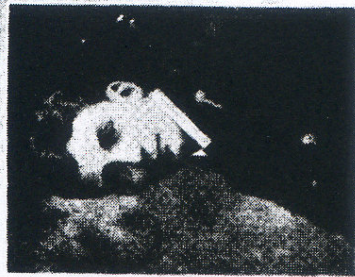
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MATTHEWS, FRANK,**Frank George Matthews.**

Matthews, of Low Hall,

**Harold Carey Matthews.**

work which earned the compliments of the General." Major Matthews *m.* at Dringhouses Parish Church, York, 12 July, 1911, Marjory Phyllis, *yst.* dau. of Gervas Woodhouse, of 198, Mount Vale, York, and had issue: Frederick Gervas,

Private, R.M.L.I., Ch./12178, H.M.S. Hawke; lost when that ship was torpedoed in the North Sea, 15 Oct. 1914; *m.*

MATTHEWS, FRANK GEORGE, Midshipman, R.N., *yr. s.* of Brig.-Gen. Frank Broadwood Matthews, of Old Raven House, Hook, co. Hants, C.B., D.S.O., late commanding 2nd Bn. The King's Own Regt., and his wife, Edith Mabel Warner, dau. of the late Ralph George Price, of 26, Hyde Park Gardens, London, W.; *b.* Lichfield, co. Stafford, 9 Feb. 1898; educ. Parkside, Ewell, Surrey (Mr. A. Vaughan Pott); Royal Naval College, Osborne, and Royal Naval College, Dartmouth; entered the Navy, 1 Aug. 1914; was appointed to H.M.S. Cressy, and was lost when that ship was torpedoed in the North Sea, 22 Sept. following.

MATTHEWS, HAROLD CAREY, Major, 4th Bn. Alexandra, Princess of Wales, Own Yorkshire Regt. (The Green Howards) (T.F.), eldest *s.* of Frederick William White Barclay's Bank, at Leyburn; by his wife, Ellen Georgiana, dau. of the late Rev. Hewitt Carey; *b.* Hawes, Wensleydale, co. York, 25 April, 1879; educ. The School, Aysgarth, Yorks, entered Barclay's Bank, and at the time of the outbreak of war was second in charge of their Market Weighton Branch. He had joined the London Rifle Brigade as a Private in 1897, and was afterwards given a commission as 2nd Lieut. in the 4th Yorks Regt., and served in the South African War in command of the 2nd Service Company of that Regt. For his services he received the Queen's medal with five clasps and was made an Hon. Lieut. in the Army, 26 July, 1902. He was promoted Capt. 30 April, 1904, and on the outbreak of the European War volunteered for foreign service, and was gazetted Major, 29 Aug. 1914. He left for France on 17 April, and was killed in action at St. Julien, north of Ypres, a few days later, 25 April, 1915. His Commanding Officer wrote: "He was killed in action leading his men in the Dringhouses Parish Church, York, 12 July, 1911, Marjory Phyllis, *yst.* dau. of Gervas Woodhouse, of 198, Mount Vale, York, and had issue: Frederick Gervas,

a master of the Waimate District High School, where a memorial tablet was erected to his memory. He was an enthusiastic hockey player and instructor; his Waimate ladies' team of six-a-side winning the championship, and was on the Committee of the South Canterbury Hockey Association.

MAW, WILLIAM FRANCIS, A.B., J. 12612, H.M.S. Good Hope; lost in action off Coronel, on the coast of Chili, 1 Nov. 1914.

MAXTED, THOMAS, A.B. (R.F.R.), B. 7844), S.S. 1474, H.M.S. Hawke; lost when that ship was torpedoed in the North Sea, 15 Oct. 1914.

MAXWELL, AYMER EDWARD, Younger of Monreith, Lieut.-Col. Commanding 4th (Collingwood) Bn. 1st Brigade, R.N. Division, only surviving *s.* of the Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, 7th Bart., P.C., F.R.S.; *b.* Edinburgh, 26 Oct. 1877; educ. Eton and Sandhurst; gazetted to the Grenadier Guards, 8 Sept. 1897; served in the South African War 1899-1900; took part in the advance on Kimberley, including the actions at Belmont and Enslin (Queen's medal with clasp); invalided home, 1900; and retired with rank of Captain, 4 Sept. 1907, joining the Reserve of Officers; Capt. Lovat's Scouts (Yeo.), 1911. On mobilisation, Aug. 1914, he immediately rejoined the Grenadier Guards, and subsequently volunteered for service as Adjutant and second in command in the newly-formed Royal Naval Division. He received command, with the rank of Lieut.-Col. of the Collingwood Bn. then in camp at Walmer, and with it accompanied the expedition to Antwerp. He was wounded in the head by the first shell of the bombardment of 8 Oct. after four days and nights of ceaseless exertion, almost entirely without sleep or rest, and died the following day in the Military Hospital there, being buried in the garden. The officer commanding the Brigade, wrote: "His brigade has lost one of its finest officers. His energy, earnestness and singleness of purpose inspired his whole Bn., and both his officers and men were animated by his fine spirit from the moment he assumed command of them." He was gazetted temporary Lieut.-Col. Royal Marines (10 Nov.) after his death. Colonel Maxwell was a J.P., D.L. and County Councillor for Wigtonshire, a Director of the Crichton Royal Institution and author of various works and articles on sporting subjects. He *m.*, London, 20 Oct. 1909, Lady Mary Percy, dau. of Henry George, 7th Duke of Northumberland, K.G., P.C., by his wife, Lady Edith Campbell, eldest dau. of George, 8th Duke of Argyll, K.G., K.T., P.C., and had issue three sons and a dau.: Aymer, *b.* 7 Dec. 1911; Eustace, *b.* 24 Feb. 1913; Gavin, *b.* 15 July, 1914; and Christian, *b.* 31 July, 1910.

MAXWELL (alias ROBERTS), BERTRAM