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**Scoutmaster Curzon, of Cambridge  
Killed in Action.**

Mr. W. H. Swift writes: The tidings of the death in action on July 8<sup>th</sup> of Pte. A. W. H. Curzon, of the Cambs. Regt., Scoutmaster of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cambridge Troop of Sea Scouts, will cause much sadness to many who are or have been connected with the Scout movement in Cambridge. It is only right that his energetic and sustained labours should not pass without some record.

The writer has before him a copy of the "Fleur-de-Lis" a cyclostyle journal issued by Mr. Curzon in January, 1912, in order, as an editorial note says, to provide "some permanent record of our Scout life in its various phases." Lieut-General Sir R. S. Baden-Powell wrote a letter of encouragement to the magazine; and its pages, full of indications of active work and happy comradeship, are a testimony to the [*illegible word*] of Mr. Curzon's efforts. In this number is a history of his Troop of Scouts, its doings and vicissitudes, from its formation in 1909 until the close of 1911. Unfortunately only one number of the magazine was issued, a matter which will cause no surprise to those who are acquainted with the technical difficulties attending such an undertaking—but through the years which followed, up to the time of his death, Mr. Curzon's devotion to his boys never flagged; and it would have needed a magazine of many pages adequately to record the later doings of the boys. Ultimately the Troop became the 1<sup>st</sup> Cambridge Troop of Sea Scouts, and devoted itself principally to Scout-craft in connection with the water. It was no uncommon thing to see the merry band of boys in one or other of their boats on the river, with their Scoutmaster, on Saturday afternoons or summer evenings.

One of the chief impressions made upon those who were privileged, as the writer often was, to meet the Sea Scouts, either in their club-room by the river or at Upware, was the real affection which the lads had for their Scoutmaster, and the excellent influence which he exerted over them. He always put first things first. Probably the majority of the original band whose doings are chronicled in the "Fleur-de-Lis" are no longer members of the Troop, and are serving their country in different ways. Some of them, like their Scoutmaster, have given their lives for the cause of freedom. But wherever the tidings of his death reaches the surviving members of the band it will be felt as a real personal loss; and to the little company of present-day Sea Scouts, who are holding together manfully, notwithstanding many difficulties, the loss will be especially poignant.

The death of Mr. Curzon makes the second loss which his family have sustained through the war, and the deepest sympathy of all who are in any way interested in Scout-craft will go out to them in this new and great trial.