

Winchester College, War Memorial Book

LIEUTENANT KENNETH GORDON CAMPBELL

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

LIEUTENANT GORDON CAMPBELL (B, 1908–1914) was born on February 12th, 1895—son of Dr. G. Campbell of Cambridge. He entered Mr. Fort's House as an Exhibitioner from Mr. R. S. Goodchild's school at Cambridge, was three years in Sixth Book, a School Prefect and Head of the House in his last year; he played in O.T.H. VI and Association XI, was President of Golf Club and a Colour-Sergeant in the O.T.C.

He had been elected to a Classical Scholarship at Clare College [sic—incorrect as it was actually Trinity Hall], Cambridge, but war broke out within a few days of his leaving school and he obtained a commission soon afterwards in the 12th Battalion Highland Light Infantry. He was appointed Adjutant in January 1915 when not yet 20 years old.

He fell on September 25th of the same year during the Battle of Loos, while leading his men to the attack.

Western Morning News, 4th October 1915

“Newquay learned with profound regret on Saturday that Lieut. Kenneth Gordon Campbell was amongst the officers who had fallen in France. The only son of Dr Gordon Campbell, the well-known Cambridge “coach”, and a member of the Western circuit, the late Lieut. Campbell was extremely well known at Newquay, where his parents have for many years resided in the summer vacation. He was a fine, athletic, high-spirited and brave young fellow, and gave every promise of an eventful career. He was educated at Winchester, of which he was an exhibitioner, school prefect for three years and head of his house. Both in educational attainments and in sports he distinguished himself. He secured colours for Winchester football VI, and XV, and for Association XI, was captain of the golf club, and colour-sergeant O.T.C. While at Winchester he obtained a classical scholarship for Trinity Hall, Cambridge. At the beginning of the war he was given as lieutenant's commission in the Highland L.I. (12th Service Battalion), in which his great-grandfather and great-great-uncle served in the Peninsula and at Waterloo. In January he was appointed adjutant, being then only 19 years of age. He fell a few days ago in the fighting line near Loos. The deepest

sympathy is felt in Newquay and elsewhere for his parents and two sisters, and it is not too much to say that Lieut. Campbell was one of the promising sons of England of whom the nation might be proud.”

The Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News, 23rd October 1915

“...Lieut. Kenneth Gordon Campbell...was the only son of Dr Gordon Campbell, for many years Hon. Treasurer of the Hawks’ Club, Cambridge. ...He was a very promising golfer, and began to win club competitions at the age of 12. When he was 17 he won the Atlantic Cup at Newquay in a good field of players from all parts of the country. At Winchester he was captain of the golf club, and played first for his side from the scratch mark... .”