

William Godfrey Scotcher

Captain, M.C. Royal Air Force.
of 80, Balfour Road, Ilford.

Killed while flying at Bekesbourne, Kent, on September 15th 1918. Buried at Ilford, Essex.

He studied at College 1902-1906, as a technical scholar in the Engineering Department, and held a Drapers' Company Scholarship. During his Apprenticeship which followed at the G.E.R. Locomotive Works, Stratford, he returned to College as an Engineering Student in the winter months of 1909-1911. He was elected Graduate of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers in 1912.

On the outbreak of war he joined the Coldstream Guards as a private obtaining a Commission in February 1915, in the East Yorkshire Regiment, with whom he went to Gallipoli. At Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, he was twice mentioned in Despatches and was one of the last to leave the Peninsula. He saw action in the Nile district and was then transferred to the Somme front, where he won his M.C. for conspicuous bravery.

"He commanded his Platoon with great skill and determination when his trench was constantly being blown in with shell fire. He exposed himself fully in order to encourage his men. Though partially buried by a shell he carried out his work as soon as he was extricated."

Returning from France Lieutenant Scotcher joined the R.A.F., and obtaining his second wing became Captain in the R.A.F. He took part in the Defence of London during enemy air-raids.

Robert Scrivener

Sergeant, 12th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.
of "Lake View", Northumberland Avenue, South Wanstead.

Killed in action or died of wounds received
at the battle of Loos, September 27th 1915.

He was educated at the Goodwin Road
Board School, Forest Gate, and entered College
in 1900. He left in 1903, but returned as an
Evening Student on the Electrical Engineering
side, 1904-1908.

In December 1903 he was appointed Test
Room Assistant at the Power House, Osborn
Street, Whitechapel, becoming Switchboard
Attendant in 1905. Two years later he went
to Woolwich as Switchboard Attendant for the
Borough Council, returning in 1908 to Stepney
as Engineer in charge of the Power House at
Whitechapel, where he remained until the
outbreak of war.

He enlisted in September 1915 in the
12th Service Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City
of London Regiment) was promoted to Corporal
and then to Sergeant at the beginning of 1915.

He went to France in September 1915.

Stanley John Seeley

Private, 9th Batt'n, Royal Sussex Regiment.
of 109 Dumbreck Road, Eltham, S.E.

Killed in action, March 21st 1918, in
France.

He was educated at Golfe Grammar School,
Lewisham, from 1910 until 1915, and held an
L.C.C. Intermediate Scholarship there.

In 1915 he entered College and studied
on the Arts side for two years.

He joined the Army in 1917 and was
shortly afterwards sent to France.

Humphrey Sharp

Lieutenant, Royal Fusiliers, 11th Battalion.
of "Maysfield," Church Road, Bexley Heath.

Killed in action on October 5th 1915, in
France. Buried at Fricourt.

He was a Student at College on the
Engineering side for one year, 1912-1913.

He was killed by a rifle grenade while
in charge of a covering party guarding parties
repairing a parapet which had been damaged
by an enemy mine.

Letters received from his Colonel, Major
and other Officers, speak in the highest terms
of his courage, coolness and popularity.

"Such was the devotion of his men that
"L. Corporal went out four times to
"recover his body from the German trenches....."

His Major concludes, "He died as he
"himself would have wished to do, in action
"with the enemy, and going out to assure himself
"of the safety and well being of his own men."

Maurice Arthur Pitchard Sawyer
Second Lieutenant, 4th Middlesex Regt
of "Gurdridge," St Margaret's Road, Wanstead

Killed in action on October 14th 1914 at Croix Barbée and is buried at Vieille Chapelle.

He was educated at East Ham Technical College whence he came to College in 1910 with a Drapers' Scholarship, the second from his School. In 1913 he took a Third Class Honours Degree in Physics.

As a student he took a keen interest in the O.T.C., of which he was Sergeant Major; and during his post-graduate year at College, 1913-1914, he seemed to be mainly devoted to his O.T.C. work.

He had just obtained a foreign appointment in the Ordnance Survey Department when war broke out, and he was thereupon gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment with the 1st and later with the 4th Battalion. He sailed for France on September 5th 1914.

A letter received from his Adjutant tells of the good work he did.

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William Goodwin Blake Skinner
Lieutenant, Artists' Rifles.
of Chelston, Torquay.

Wounded in a night attack on Marcoing, December 30th 1917, and died of wounds on January 2nd 1918. Buried at Rocquigny.

He was educated at the King Edward VI School at Totnes, 1907-1913, where his career was one of remarkable brilliance. He was Captain of the School 1st XI Cricket and Football Teams and Athletic Sports Champion of the School for 1912 and 1913.

In 1913 he came to College with a Devon County Major Scholarship and a School-leaving Exhibition. After only one year as an Engineering Student, he enlisted, on the outbreak of war. He joined the Artists' Rifles in September 1914, and was given a Commission in the same Regiment in March 1915. After one and a half years service in France he returned to England for a few months sick leave, with weakness of the heart. In June 1917 he was promoted to Lieutenant and left for France again in November 1917. On rejoining the 1st Battalion he was given command of the "B" Company, which he was leading on the night of the attack in which he fell.

Eric Stanley Sibbald

Corporal, 6th Battⁿ Essex Regt. Royal Engineers.
of 29 Edith Road, East Ham, E.

Killed on the Somme.

He was a Student at East London College on the Science side from 1911 to 1912.

On the outbreak of war he joined up with the 6th Battalion Essex Regiment and was transferred to the Royal Engineers (Chemists Section) in June 1915. At Loos he was gassed and had concussion. He recovered and took part in the fighting at Neuve Chapelle before his death on the Somme.

His Captain wrote, "I feel his loss very sincerely as he was a hard and conscientious worker, always cheerful and keen, and I can ill afford to lose him from my Company."

Leslie Charles Herman Squire
Second Lieutenant, 7th London Regiment.
of 32 Myrtle Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Killed in action at Festubert, May 13th
1915.

He was educated at Rutherford College,
Newcastle on Tyne, and came to East London
College in 1911 as an Engineering Student.

He joined the 7th London Regiment on
August 5th 1914, and was shortly afterwards
recommended for a Commission by his Colonel.
His efficiency resulted in his home training
being waived.

His Commanding Officer wrote that,
"he had in him the making of an exceptionally
fine soldier, and the early cutting off of his
career was a sad loss not only to his parents
but to his regiment and Country."

Thomas Gregory Stamp
Corporal, Royal Engineers (Chemists' Section).
of 6 Pulleyn's Avenue, East Ham, E.

He was educated at the Coopers' Company School. In 1913 he entered College and read for an Honours Degree in Chemistry until 1915. He was awarded an honorary War Degree in 1916.

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George William Swanson
Captain, R.F.C., also Hants Regiment.
of 8 Derby Avenue, North Finchley & New Kilmainham.

Reported missing, believed drowned in
the Leinster, October 10th 1918.

He was educated at the Bancroft School,
and entered College in 1908 as a Student of
Engineering. After leaving College in 1911, he
went to Canada where he married. On the
outbreak of war he returned to England and
joined up in the Hampshire Regiment being
transferred later to the Flying Corps.

He was drowned while on active service
after having seen strenuous fighting.

C.C.V. Taylor

Second Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery.

He studied at the Erith Technical Institute before entering College in 1910 as an Engineering Student. He remained at College for three years, and then returned to his home in South Africa.

On the outbreak of war he came to England to take up a Commission in the R.F.A.

Henry Ivanhoe Sandell

Second Lieutenant, Royal North West Regt
attached North Hants Regt
of 50 Duncan Road, Gillingham, Kent.

Fatally wounded at Ypres, November 11th 1914. Exact place of burial unknown. His name appears on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

He was educated at H.M. Royal Dockyard School, Chatham, came to College in 1909 and studied for a year in the Engineering department. On leaving College he held a position in the Western Electric Company, North Woolwich, and became a Graduate of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

In December 1912 he was Commissioned to the Reserve of Officers, and joined the Royal West Kent Regiment on August 5th 1914. On September 26th he went to France, attached to the North Hampshire Regiment, and was in action in the first line trenches at the Battle of the Aisne. He was transferred on October 21st to the Ypres salient where he remained in action until his death.

Frederick Ernest Webb

Corporal, Royal Engineers (Chemists Section.)
of 18 Allendale Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

Died from the effects of gas poisoning on
June 10th 1918. Buried at the British Cemetery,
Pernes.

He was educated at the Enfield Grammar School, where he held an Entrance Scholarship, from 1908 until 1911, when he entered College with the Second Science Scholarship given by the Drapers' Company. After one year of Finals work in the Science Faculty, he enlisted, in August 1915.

He went to France with the "Gas Corps" of the Royal Engineers, and was slightly gassed during the Battle of Loos. He returned home after being wounded at Fricourt, in June 1916, but was back in France by the end of November, and from then onwards saw continuous service in different parts of the Western Front, until his death.

He was several times mentioned in Despatches. In May 1918 his Officer wrote, "The mention is an honour of which you may be justly proud; for Fred's work and devotion to duty richly deserves this recognition."

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Percy John Whitehouse
Second Lieutenant, Royal West Kent Regt.
of 1 St. Augustines Road, Belvedere, Kent.

Killed in action on November 2nd 1914,
at Hooge.

He was educated at Erith County School,
where he held a County Scholarship, and was
noted as a runner and jumper.

In 1913 he came to College where he
studied in the Science Faculty for a year, before
leaving to join the Army.

His promising career was tragically short.
Little information has ever been received. All
that is definitely known is that he went up
in a Draft which joined the Regiment about
3 a.m., and before 8 o'clock there were fifty
casualties in that same Draft."

(Extract from E.L.C. Magazine.)

George Edwin Wighton
Lieutenant, 10th East Lancashire Regiment.
of 150 South Birkbeck Road, Leytonstone.

Mortally wounded by rifle grenade on
August 11th 1916, and buried at St Vaaste, Grave 17,
Line M. Plot 3.

He was educated at Mayville Road School,
Leytonstone, and later at the Great Eastern
Railway Institute, where he obtained a Directors'
Scholarship. With this he attended College from
1912 to 1914, when he left to join the Army.

He was Gazetted on December 5th 1915, and
went first to Gallipoli. There he contracted enteric
fever and dysentery and was invalided home. On
June 10th 1916 he was sent to France where he
was promoted to the rank of Acting Captain
and was fatally wounded a month later.

Harold Ernest Williams

Private, London Rifle Brigade.
of Riddleswood, Selcroft Road, Purley.

Fell in the advance on the Menin Road
of September 20th 1917, having apparently
been killed by a shell on his way down to
the Casualty Clearing Station.

He was educated from 1905 to 1910 at
the Whitgift Grammar School where he
achieved some reputation as a cross-country
runner. Having passed his Intermediate B.Sc.
Examination at School he came to College with
a Drapers' Scholarship in 1910. Three years
later he graduated with Second Class Honours
in Physics, and, after a few months at Marconi's
Wireless Telegraphic Works at Chelmsford, gained
the first place in an examination for Clerkships
in the Operative Department of the Royal Mint.

In June 1915 he enlisted in the London
Rifle Brigade and left for France in January
1917, where he remained on active service until
his death in September of that year.

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George Augustus Woodforde
Private, Artists Rifles.
of 56 Vicarage Road, Leyton.

He was educated at Leyton County School, obtaining in 1910 a Drapers Company Scholarship, with which he came to College. In 1913 he graduated with Second Class Honours in History.

Cyril Victor Clarence Wight
Second Lieutenant, Royal Air Force.
of 59½, High Road, Leytonstone

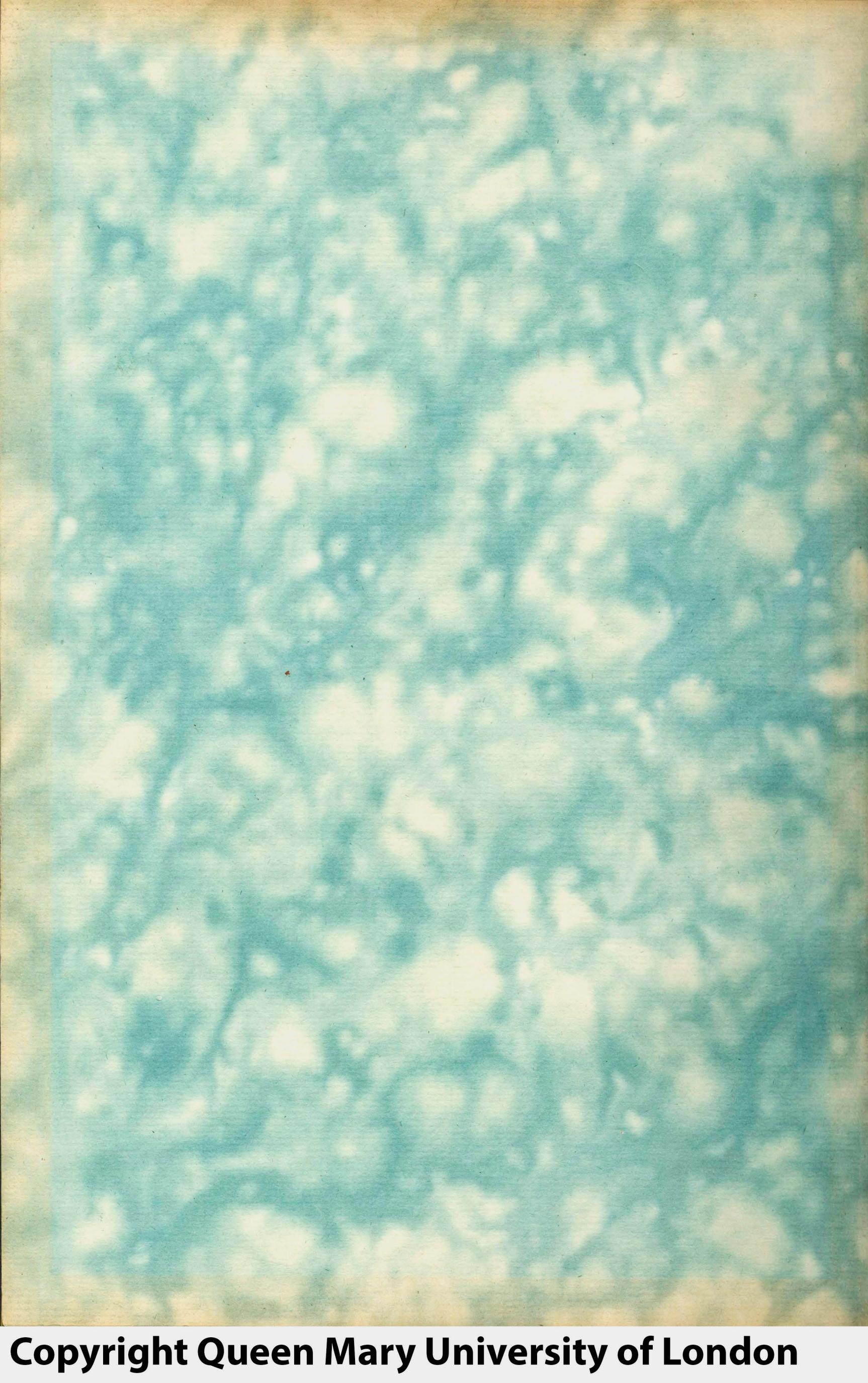
Killed in a collision at Aldeburgh, Suffolk,
on May 21st 1919.

He was educated at St. Ignatius' College, Stamford Hill, N., entered College in 1910 as an Electrical Engineering Student, and passed his B.Sc. (Engineering) in 1914.

Upon the outbreak of war he became Engineer in Charge of the extra high tension rotary sub-station at Avonmouth. In November 1917 he obtained a Commission in the R.N.A.S., became Probationary Flight Officer, and then, in March 1918, Second Lieutenant in the R.A.F.

By June 1918 he was on active service in France. After his return to England, he remained in the Air Force and was killed in a collision in Suffolk, while training Cadets.

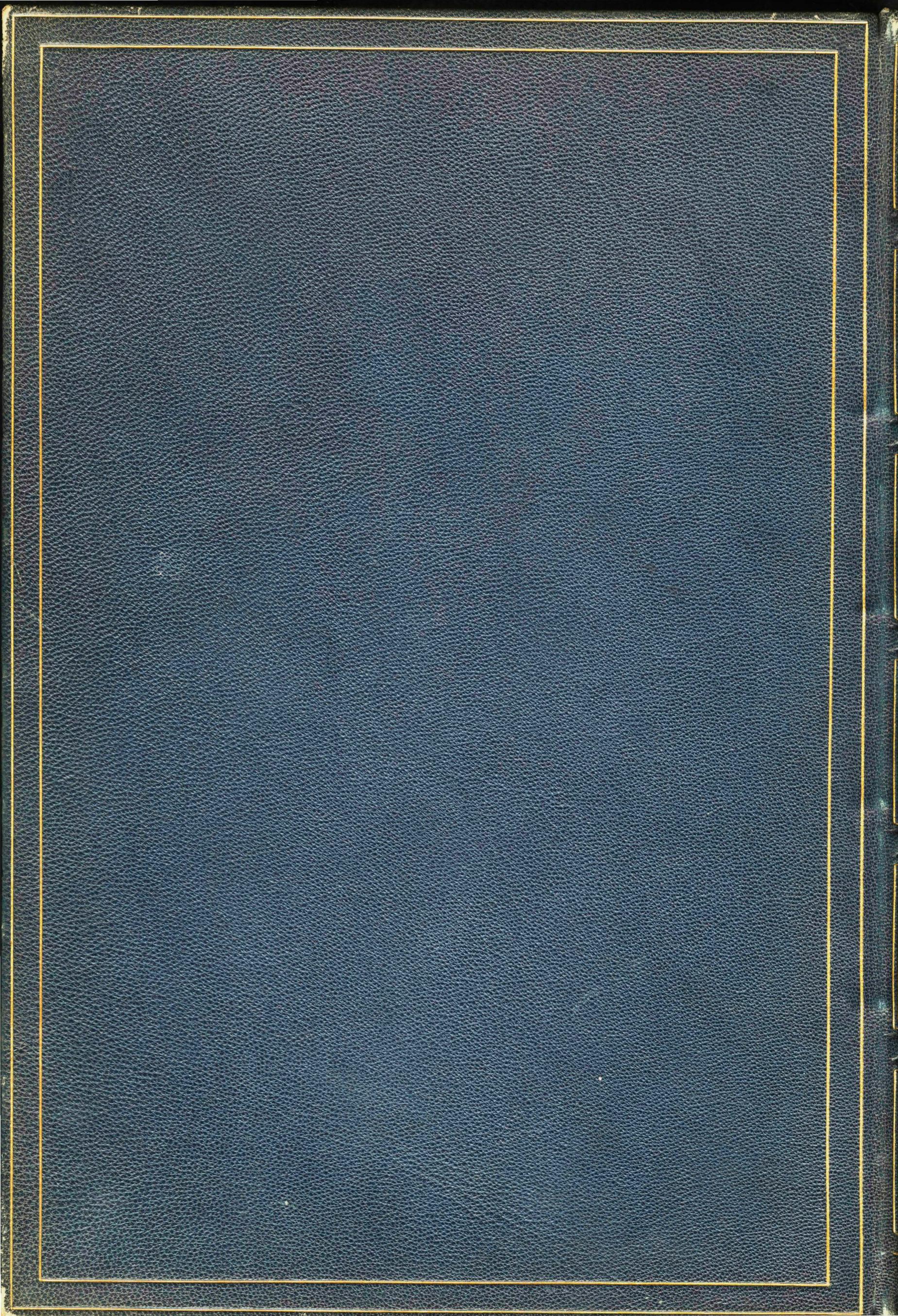
His Commanding Officer wrote of him, "He died in the execution of his duties quite as much as if he had fallen overseas. He had been instrumental in training many Cadets for the D.H.C.. A skilful and careful pilot he was never better pleased than when explaining the "Whys" as well as the "Whats" and "Hows" of Aerial Navigation."



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