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CAMBS REGIMENT LOSSES.

Commanding Officer Dies of Wounds.

LIEUT H F DRIVER KILLED.

We deeply regret to report the death of Lieut-Col Edward T Saint, D.S.O., of 6, St Barnabas-road, Cambridge, Commanding Officer, the Cambridgeshire Regiment, who died on August 29th of wounds received in action the previous day. With the news of his having been wounded came word of the death of Lieut H F Driver, MC, of the same battalion, second son of Mr and Mrs J K Driver, of 82, Hills-road, Cambridge. Other officers were wounded.

The information is partly contained in a letter received in the town from the chaplain to the battalion, who writes that Lieut Driver, MC, signalling officer to – Cambs Battalion, Cambs Regiment, was in a dug-out at Battalion Headquarters with Lieut-Col E T Saint, DSO, the Adjutant, Capt E Walker, MC, and another signalling officer about 9 pm on August 28th. A shell burst, killing Lieut Driver instantly. Lieut-Col Saint was very severely wounded, and it was stated that his left arm would have to be amputated at the shoulder. Capt Walker escaped miraculously with flesh wounds. Lieut-Col Saint's wife also received a letter from the Chaplain, who stated that it was hoped he would recover from his wounds. On Monday night, however, she received a telegram from the War Office stating that her husband died of wounds on August 29th.

LIEUT-COL SAINT, DSO

Lieut-Col Edward T Saint, DSO, was the eldest son of Mr Wm Saint, builder and contractor, St Barnabas-road. He was educated at the Perse School and Ivel Bury School, Biggleswade. After leaving school he entered his father's business, and in 1907 commenced on his own account in Newmarket-road as an automobile engineer. In 1910 a company was formed, and the motor business in Regent-sreet taken over, and the two businesses were sucessfully carried on. At the outbreak of the war Col Saint was managing director of the Regent-street business. He was 33

years of age at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and two children.

Col Saint joined the 3rd (Cambs) VB the Suffolk Regiment (afterwards the 1st Battalion Cambs Regiment) about the time of the Boer War, being a member of "C" Company, under the command of Major Oliver Papworth. He volunteered for service in the Boer War, but being under age, was not taken. In January, 1906, he obtained his commission as a lieutenant. He was one of the finest shots in the Eastern Counties, and won many prizes in the Inter-County Meeting, besides shooting for his corps at various other matches.

When the present war broke out Col Saint held the rank of captain, and was in camp at Tring. His battalion was at once mobilised, and he volunteered for special duty. In February, 1915, with the rank of major, he went out to France with his battalion. He was gazetted lieutenant-colonel in January, 1916, and returned home to take over the command of the 4th Battalion Cambs Regiment. In September of the same year he went out to France, and was appointed to the command of a temporary Regular Army unit, from which he subsequently retired at his own wish. He went back to his own regiment in France as second in command, with the rank of major. Last December he was made Commanding Officer. In March of this year he was awarded the DSO for conspicuous gallantry in the field, when for a short time he acted as brigadier. He was mentioned in dispatches twice for foreign service and once for home service. He was a member of the Cambs and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association.

When a member of the Volunteers, Col Saint was keen in his work, and was most popular, but his keenness did not show itself in so marked a manner as it did after the outbreak of war, when he displayed remarkable enthusiasm, and his sterling qualities, both as a leader and as a man, made him admired and loved. He was a well-known cricket and football player, being connected with the CEYMS Clubs. He was a Conservative in politics. His brother-in-law, Lieut Munhead, was, it will be remembered, killed about six months ago, and his cousin, Sec-Lieut E D Twelvetrees, fell in action early in August.
