



THE LATE CAPT. BRIAN C. CUMBERLAND

Green, uncle and aunt of Capt. Cumberland, Mr. E. Anthony Cumberland, J.P., another uncle, was out of town for the night, and yesterday morning was going on to Dover to see his daughter Ella off to France, where she is to work as a nurse. As a result the tragic news could not be communicated to him for some time.

It was only on Tuesday that Mrs. Brighton, wife of Lieut. Colonel E. W. Brighton, who is in command of the Battalion, heard that her brother (Lieut. James) was wounded. As she received this news so quickly and Mr. Chandler, of Biggleswade, had been promptly notified that his son was wounded, it was assumed that with Capt. Cumberland and others from Luton things were going well.

The last letter received from Capt. Cumberland was written to his sister, Gladys. It was dated August 10th, and in this Capt. Cumberland said the Battalion had just landed on an island. They had orders to hold themselves in readiness to re-embark, and he understood that they were going to force a new landing. He added that he expected to be in the fighting line within four or five days. It will be seen from a comparison of the dates that his late wife was to meet a soldier's death five days after writing the letter.

There will be very general sympathy with the family in the loss they have sustained, for Messrs. Cumberland are widely known in this part of the county, and the share which Capt. Cumberland was taking in the business of Messrs. J. Cumberland and Sons before he was called up for service was bringing him into a wide circle of acquaintances.

As we have mentioned, Capt. Cumberland was the only son of Mr. Hugh Cumberland, J.P., and the only one to carry on the respected name of Cumberland, as Mr. Anthony Cumberland has no son. He was 27 years of age, having been born on March 11th, 1889, and his second name was that of his grandfather, the late Mrs. Cumberland having been the only daughter of the late Mr. William Clarke, one of the old school of farmers, who for many years resided at the Brache, Luton.

Capt. Cumberland received his early education in Luton from Mr. Furlong, and the last few years of his school life were spent at Dunstable Grammar School. As he was somewhat delicate on leaving school his father sent him for a year to Mr. James Day, a well-known Bedfordshire farmer, who was then at Boxton, near Bedford, and who is now farming a large acreage at Harrold. This training was particularly useful to him in anticipation of the career which was planned for him, in view of the fact that a large part of the business of Messrs. J. Cumberland and Sons is associated with the landed and agricultural interests. From Mr. Day he went to High Wycombe, where he was articled to Mr. Arthur Vernon, auctioneer and valuer, and one of the past presidents of the Surveyors' Institute.

In 1911 he became associated with his father's firm at Luton, and in the few years which have elapsed, had become widely known. He regularly visited the hammer in the Luton Cattle Market, had passed the examinations qualifying him for membership of both the Auctioneers' and Surveyors' Institutes, and his being called up for service last August he would be now have been admitted to partnership in the firm.

MAGISTERIAL SYMPATHY.

The business at Luton Police Court yesterday was prefaced by a magisterial reference to the death of Captain Cumberland, and an expression of sympathy for Mr. Hugh Cumberland, J.P., and others bereaved.

The Mayor (Mr. W. J. Primett) was in the chair, and Messrs. E. Oakley, R. E. Tomason, and F. J. Brown were also present. The Mayor said they had just heard the painful news that one of their colleagues, Mr. Hugh Cumberland, had lost his son, Captain Brian Cumberland. "I understand," added the Mayor, "that he was killed in the Gallipoli Peninsula in action on August 10th. I am sure we all sympathise with Mr. Hugh Cumberland; it is a terrible trial to pass through, and also for those who are called upon to bear similar losses in the war. There is one redeeming feature—that he has given his life for his country, which means that he has given his life for all of us."

5th BEDFORDSHIRE OFFICERS WOUNDED.

Following the announcement made in the "Saturday Telegraph" that Lieut. Chandler son of the County Councillor at Biggleswade had been wounded, comes the official information that another officer, viz., 1st-Lieut. Christopher R. James has been placed hors de combat.



LIEUT. JAMES.

1st-Lieut. James is a brother-in-law of Lieut. Colonel E. W. Brighton, the officer commanding the 1/6th. He was wounded on the 16th.

It is very evident from these two accounts that the 1/6th Beds have been engaged in recent operations on the Gallipoli peninsula and further details will therefore be awaited with the greatest interest.

Yesterday, Mr. H. G. Ballance, 9, Albion