

1/5th BEDS ABROAD.

Captain Cumberland Killed.

LUTON PRIVATE'S DEATH ALSO NOTIFIED.

Capt. Brian Clarke Cumberland, 1/5th Batt. Bedfordshire Regiment, and only son of Mr. Hugh Cumberland, J.P., of "The Lynchet," Luton, has fallen in action in Gallipoli.

Capt. Cumberland is the first officer of the 1/5th Bedfordshire Regiment to be killed in action, and the news of his death came as quite a shock to Luton people yesterday, having regard to the very short time which had elapsed since the Battalion left this country for the Mediterranean. In fact, except for the intimation that two junior officers had been wounded, no news had been received to indicate that the Battalion had been in action, although in the last letter received from Capt. Cumberland he mentioned that he expected to be in the fighting line within a few days.

Only the bare news of his untimely end has yet been received, and this came to Mr. Hugh Cumberland late on Tuesday night. The postal authorities telephoned to him to inquire whether he could receive a telegram, and when this was delivered it was found to read as follows:—

"August 24th.—Regret to inform you that Capt. B. C. Cumberland, 5th Bedfordshire Regiment, was killed in action, 15th August. Lord Kitchener expresses his sympathy. Territorial Records, Warley."

The news, of course, came as a terrible blow to the family, and it was immediately communicated to Mr. J. W. Green, J.P., and Mrs.

In 1911 he became associated with Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) Brighton in the Territorial movement, but did not receive his captaincy until last year.

He was a member of the St. John the Baptist Lodge of Freemasons, being initiated by his father when he was Master for the second time in the session of 1911-12.

Capt. Cumberland was one of five descendants of the late Mr. John Cumberland holding commissions in the Army, Mr. J. W. Green having two sons at the front, while a third expects to leave Landguard with a draft shortly, and the second son of the late Mr. Fredk. Cumberland is serving in the Wiltshire Yeomanry.

In the sporting field, Capt. Cumberland had figured most as a tennis player, although he was also a very promising member of the South Beds. Golf Club. In the King-street Tennis Tournament of 1913 he won the singles championship, beating Holt Leppard, while with Miss B. Wright he beat Miss J. Looker and H. E. Smith in the mixed double championship. Last year he lost to Eling in the singles championship, but with H. Cumberland Brown beat Goodge and Eling in the final of the doubles championship. One of the features of his play was a very effective American service, accurate fast, and with a kick in it. He was a very graceful player, very accurate in his driving and delightful to watch.



THE LATE CAPT. BRIAN C. CUMBERLAND