

CAPT. EDWARD PARKER WALLMAN WEDD, M.C.,

OF THE

ESSEX YEOMANRY AND ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.



BRILLIANT sportsman, soldier and doctor has been lost to the country by the death in action of Captain Edward Parker Wallman Wedd, M.C., the elder son of Edward Arthur Wedd, Esq., J.P., of Great Wakering, Essex.

Born on 1883, Captain Wedd was educated at Sturtenham College, Cambridge. He rowed "oars" at Cheltenham, where he stroked the crew in 1901 and 1902; in the first year he won the race against the Old Boys, and in 1902 a match against St. Paul's School. He was rowing for Caius College, and at the end of that year was at five in the winning crew of the University Trial Eights. The following year he was at four in the Caius Eight which won the Thames Cup at Henley Regatta. He was at three in the Caius Four for the Wyfold Cup, which lost to the Birmingham R.C., the eventual winners. In 1904 he was again in the Trial Eights, this time at six in the losing crew, and he took his place in the boat for the University race at an early stage of the practice.



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September 1st, 1906, he graduated Bachelor of Arts, and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital he was educated at Cheltenham, where he took to the crew in 1901. He took to the crew in 1901 first year he won the Old Boys, match against St. Paul's School. In 1903 for Caius College, he was at five in the winning crew of the University Trial Eights following year in the Caius Eight which won the Thames Cup at Henley Regatta. He was

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also took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P., London, in 1911, and afterwards acted as House Surgeon to the West London Hospital.

For some years before the war he had held a commission in the Essex Yeomanry, and in that capacity went to the Front in November, 1914, and had served there ever since. For fifteen months he held an important position on the Staff, but being a member of the medical profession he was transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1917. In April, 1918, he was awarded the Military Cross.

“ For unswerving devotion and courage throughout the period of active operations south-west of Ypres between 23rd and 29th March, 1918, and on many previous occasions in traversing shell-swept roads and crossings beyond which his duty called him to tend the many casualties the batteries suffered. On the 25th April it was reported that a battery at St. Hubert's Loch was suffering severely. He immediately went down to it; without thought of himself he searched from shelter to shelter, amid the rain of shell till he found and relieved the wounded. By his personal fearlessness and devotion in visiting batteries under fire he set a magnificent example, never failing to cheer all ranks as he went his round.”

At this time Captain Wedd was attached as Medical Officer to the 53rd Brigade Royal Garrison Artillery, and was still serving with them when he was instantaneously killed in action on July 13th, 1918. He was greatly beloved by all ranks, and numerous and touching tributes were paid to his gallant spirit and fine personal character. His former Brigadier wrote :—

“ I knew him when he was Staff Captain to the XI. Corps and he joined my Brigade last year as our Doctor. We were simply delighted to get him. He was a splendid medical officer and all the Batteries swore by him. . . . I left the Brigade last April, so was not there when he got his Military Cross, which he gained by very gallant work. I don't think a straighter fellow ever went over the border than your son.”

Another General wrote :—

“ Although it was only at rare intervals from 1895 onwards that I saw Parker I never quite forgot him. Nobody who knew him as a man was likely to do so. . . . ”

The Commanding Officer of the 53rd Brigade Royal Garrison Artillery paid him the following high tribute :—

“ We have lost a first-rate soldier, a very sympathetic Medical Officer and a brave man, who was a friend to everyone in the Brigade, and whose loss will not be made good I ask you to accept the sympathy of all of us and the consolation that up to the very end he was giving of his best for others.”

A Captain in warm appreciation and sympathy wrote :—

“ He had done an enormous amount of good work. The whole Brigade has felt his loss most keenly, the men of the Batteries loved him and as his Corporal told me, always wanted to cheer him when he paid his visits. . . . I think you would like to know one thing, that those of us who witnessed that last sad ceremony, felt that no one could have been more ready to go than Parker.”

Southend Standard 13-6-1918 for MC, 25-7-1918 obituary

WEDD, Edward Parker Wallman - Captain (MC), R.A.M.C. attached R.G.A.

Captain Wedd was the eldest son of Mr. Edward Arthur Wedd J.P. of Whitehall, Great Wakering. He was born at Great Wakering and was educated at Mr. Fosters school, Stubbington, Cheltenham College, and Caius College, Cambridge. In 1905 he rowed for Cambridge against Oxford in the University Boat Race. On leaving University he joined the Essex Yeomanry and held several medical appointments at St. Bartholemews hospital, London and elsewhere. In November 1914 he went to France with his regiment, and held a staff appointment for fifteen months, transferring to the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1917. In January 1916 he was mentioned in despatches, and in April 1918 was awarded the Military Cross. On 13th July 1918 he was killed by a stray shell at Ypres while Motor Cycling to tend some wounded at a casualty clearing station. He was buried at Canadian Farm Cemetery, Poperinghe. His brother Aubrey Pattison Wallman Wedd served as a Major in the Royal Engineers.

