

OBITUARY.**REGINALD JORDAN ALSTON.**

We very much regret to announce the death of Mr. Reginald Alston, a Student of the Society, which he joined in January, 1913. Mr. Alston, who had previously been employed at Messrs. Vickers, was at the time of his death acting as chief designer to the Sopwith Aviation Company. In this capacity he was responsible for the seaplane in which he was flying as a passenger on 1st November, 1914, in Southampton Water, off Netley, when, owing probably to stalling, the machine nose-dived into the water. The pilot, Mr. Victor Mahl, was rescued, but Mr. Alston's body was only recovered later, being found still strapped in the sunken machine.

His youth—he was only in the early twenties—had not permitted Mr. Alston to develop the qualities of which he gave such early promise, but his loss is a severe blow to the country at the present juncture.

MAJOR ALFRED HERBERT TYLER, R.E.

Major Alfred Herbert Tyler, Royal Engineers, was born at Hampton Court in 1870, the eleventh in a family of twelve children of Sir H. W. Tyler, R.E., M.P., and grandson of General Sir C. W. Pasley, K.C.B., R.E. Educated at Cheltenham College (where he took a Scholarship) and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1890, promoted Lieutenant in 1893, Captain in 1901, and Major in 1910. He was employed on two Boundary Commissions and in the Karene Expedition in West Africa, in which he was wounded, and for which he received a medal with clasp. He served through the South African War, for which he received the Queen's medal with four clasps and the King's medal with two clasps. On his return home in 1907 he was employed in the Royal Arsenal till 1912, and then as Assistant to the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, at Salisbury. Among the first to sail for the German War, Major Tyler was employed on Lines of Communication for three months and then appointed to command the 5th Field Company, R.E., in the 2nd Division. He took up his new post on 10th November, and was killed in action leading his men at the charge ahead of the troops on either flank in the fierce fighting before Ypres of the 11th November, at 9.30 p.m.

Major Tyler had a most considerate, gentle nature, and the rare faculty of bringing out the good points in others in intercourse with him which endeared him to everyone, and he leaves a widow and three young boys bereaved of his loving care. He had for several years been a Member of the Aeronautical Society, but could not, on account of his duty, attend the meetings.

MAJOR RALEIGH, R.F.C.

By the death of Major G. H. Raleigh, Essex Regiment and Royal Flying Corps, the Army has lost a most valuable and distinguished officer and the Aeronautical Society a member who, by combining in a high degree a knowledge of military requirements and a personal fondness for practical aeronautical research, seemed to have before him a great future in assisting the progress of military aviation.

George Hebden Raleigh was born in Melbourne on June 20th, 1878, and received his commission in the Essex Regiment in 1899, being promoted to full Lieutenant the following year. With the 1st Battalion of the Essex Regiment he served under Sir John French in the Kimberley Relief Force, and afterwards in the famous march which brought General Cronje to bay at Paardeberg. The battalion was then with the late General Kelly-Kenny's 6th Division, and young