

ALDERMAN WILLIAMS' LOSS.

Younger Son's Death in France.

A sad blow has been sustained by Alderman and Mrs. H. O. Williams and family. They received a telegram on Saturday afternoon stating that their son, Lieut. Meredyth Robert Owen Williams, had been killed in action on Wednesday last.

They subsequently received a letter from their son's commanding officer saying that the sad happening was about five o'clock in the morning. Lieut. Williams, at the time, was manning a support trench with his platoon during a German raid. The gun fire was terribly heavy, and Lieut. Williams was obviously killed by a bursting shell.



Lieut. Williams would have been 23 years of age next month. He was the younger son of Alderman Williams, and was well known in Luton. He was a clever boy, and did well during the process of his education at Bedford Grammar School, following his earlier tuition at Mr. House's school in Luton. Subsequently, he was articled to Messrs. Cooke and Sons, solicitors, of Luton, intending to follow a legal career. At the same time he was studying for the degree of LL.B. (London). With his parents, he was associated with the Church of England in Luton.

He joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. in September, 1915, and received his commission in May, 1916. He was then attached to the Northumberland Fusiliers, and went to France in July last year. He had written home splendid letters with regularity, and a sad circumstance was the arrival of his last letter after the news of his death.

Alderman Williams' elder son, Mr. Gwynne Williams, is a clever consulting surgeon in London, and he ranks as captain in the R.A.M.C., being attached to the Wandsworth Military Hospital, and holding the position of visiting surgeon at the University College Hospital.

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