

In Memory of
Second Lieutenant

Horace Frederick Parkes

Mentioned in Despatches

1st Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers who died on 12 March 1915 Age 25

Son of Harry C. and K. Parkes, of "Heatherbrae", The Avenue, Moordown, Bournemouth.

Remembered with Honour
Le Touret Memorial



2nd LIEUTENANT HORACE FRED-ERICK PARKES, attd. 1st BATTN. ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS, who was killed at Neuve Chapelle on the 12th March, 1915, was the elder son of H. C. Parkes, of Moordown, Bournemouth, formerly of Weston-super-Mare and Sutton, and grandson of the late Captain H. Parkes, R.A. He

was born at Weston-super-Mare on the 31st May, 1889.



He was educated at Weston and King's College, London, and having passed the Civil Service Intermediate Examination, obtained a Junior Clerkship in the Estate Duty Office, Somerset House, from which he was promoted to be a Second Class

Clerk. He served for five years in the Artists' Rifles, and having volunteered his services on the outbreak of the war was, while serving in France, gazetted Temporary 2nd Lieutenant on the General List in December, 1914, and attached to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. For his services he was mentioned in Sir John French's Despatch of the 31st May, 1915.

The following particulars regarding his death were received from a brother Officer: "I have been in close touch with him ever since November, and as his Company Commander fully realised his value. He was well fitted for the job that he took up in the service of his country. On the day he was killed he performed an act of gallantry which may well have saved the day for our forces. Several men of two battalions were retiring: they had no officers left, and the German counter-attack would have succeeded had not your son rallied our troops and returned to the attack and successfully beaten back the attack. Unfortunately he fell some way from his own battalion, but we buried him ourselves, and I conducted the service myself. He died peacefully, death being instantaneous. His name is worthy to be written large in the history of the Battle of Neuve Chapelle."

Obituary



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