

Howard Clive Thomas

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MR. H. CLIVE THOMAS KILLED IN ACTION

We regret to report that Ald. J. Thomas, J.P., C.A. (vice chairman of the County Council), received the distressing news on Thursday that his younger son, Pte. Howard Clive Thomas, University and Public Schools Battalion Royal Fusiliers, was killed in the fighting on the Western Front on Sunday. His officer, in a letter to Ald. Thomas, says: "It is a great loss to the Company, as he was an excellent soldier, and he was also a very good fellow in every way, and all the men are upset at his unfortunate death. He is buried in a little French graveyard here, and a cross is being placed to mark the spot." Deceased, who was 28 years of age, was a director of Messrs. James Thomas Ltd., and managed the milling business at Newport and Emsworth for the firm. Such was his patriotic enthusiasm, however, that with the advantage of the training he had received in the Public Schools Corps, he joined up about seven months ago with the object of getting to the Front as quickly as possible, rather than applying for a commission. Less than a month ago he went to the Front. He was keenly interested in healthy sport as the football team associated with his firm proved, and he was also connected with the Westminster Tennis Club. The deepest sympathy is felt with Ald. Thomas in the loss of so gallant and promising a son.

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