

Russell Hill

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OBITUARY.

After a long and trying illness, the death took place at Stuart House, Strand, Dawlish, on Wednesday evening last, at the early age of 23, of Lieut. Russell Hill, of the 1st Gloucestershire Regt., youngest son of Mr and Mrs H Hill. Deceased was a victim of the war, having developed tuberculosis, the result of being gassed.

A capable young man, with bright prospects, the war came athwart his career. He joined the 7th Devons as a private and soon attained the rank of Corporal. Being eager to get to the front, he transferred to the 8th Somersets, and from thence got into the 3rd Gloucestershire Regt., eventually securing a commission and being appointed to the 1st Gloucesters. The privations of active service told on his constitution. He first contracted pleurisy, and before he had fully recovered from a second illness obtained permission, by his persistency, to again proceed to the front with his regiment. When gassed, his enfeebled system was unable to throw off the effects of the poison, which first affected his throat and then settled in his lungs. In his war service and throughout his long illness he displayed the grit and uncomplaining spirit of a true Englishman. His death will be regretted by numerous friends. The deepest sympathy is felt with the parents, who lost their eldest son by the sinking of a hospital ship during the war. Their only surviving son is in the Royal Navy.

DEATH.

HILL.—Nov. 24th. 1920, at Stuart House, Dawlish, after a long and trying illness, patiently borne, Russell Hill, Lieutenant, 1st Gloucestershire Regt., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hill, aged 23 years. Funeral Tuesday, Nov. 30th.