

Richard Alexander Rooth & Wilfred George Jackson

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Our respectful and sincere sympathies are extended to those residing in the town whom the war has brought grief and distress this week. On Tuesday the Dardanelles casualty lists included the name of Lieut-Colonel R A Rooth, 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers, who is brother-in-law of Mr F J H Cann, M.B., and is well known in Dawlish. Deceased joined the Army about 30 years ago. He became Captain in 1894, Major in 1896. He served as Adjutant of his regiment from 1893 to 1897 and as an adjutant to the Indian Volunteers from 1897 to 1902. He was a graduate of Staff College and served at Aden during the operations in the interior in 1903. He became brevet lieutenant-colonel in 1906 and commanded the 2nd Batalian since June last. Deceased leaves a wife (only daughter of Dr. F M Cann) and two children.

On the same day (Tuesday) the casualty lists from France reported Second-Lieutenant W G Jackson, of the 3rd (attached to the 2nd) East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) as being wounded and a prisoner. Lieut. Jackson is a nephew of Miss Jackson, of the Manor House. He is a promising and keen young officer. It was only in Oct. 3rd last that we were able to announce that he had been gazetted to the East Kent Regiment. We sincerely hope that good news of him will be soon forthcoming.