

Eustace Trehane Elliott, 1884-1917

In September 2020, Robert Smith very kindly made contact with the website to provide some information about Eustace Trehane Elliott who was one of the seven service men from Pillaton killed in WW1 (see *The Lost Men of Pillaton: 1914-1918*).

The images he supplied (which are shown below) include a section of a roll of honour from the 1920s, complete with portrait, and a glazed frame in his possession containing Eustace Trehane Elliott's medals, memorial plaque and memorial scroll. The frame was acquired through Robert's interest in military medals, the two shown in the case being the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. In between these is the badge of the East Yorkshire regiment.

The wording on the memorial scroll is difficult to read so is also given here:

He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

2/Lieut. Eustace Trehane Elliott

East Yorkshire Regiment

Our thanks go to Robert for generously sharing this information with us.



1) Eustace Trehane Elliott

the Expeditionary Force in France; **ELLIOTT, CHARLES ARTHUR BOILEAU**, 2nd Lieut., 1st Battn. (13th Foot) Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry), only s. of the Rev. Charles Lister Boileau Elliott, Rector of Tattingstone, co. Suffolk, by his wife, Katharine Peel, eldest dau. of the Rev. Philip Stephen O'Brien, Vicar of Camden Church, Camberwell, S.E.; b. London, 9 Feb. 1893; educ. Repton, and Jesus College, Cambridge, where he was studying with a view to taking Holy Orders when war broke out; obtained a commission in the 4th (Territorial) Battn. Norfolk Regt. 21 Aug. 1914, having been a member of the O.T.C., both at school and college; served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli from Aug. 1915, where he was wounded; proceeded to Egypt in Jan. 1916; transferred to the Somersetshire Light Infantry the following Oct.; served with the Expeditionary Force in France from 3 Feb. 1917, and died at Aubigny 12 April following, from wounds received in action at the Battle of Arras on the 10th. Buried at Duisans. His Colonel wrote: "He was an excellent officer and is a great loss to me. . . . He was hit by a bullet on the 10th while leading his men in an attack. He had taken part the previous day in a very successful attack," and Lieut. Osbourne: "Elliott went over the top with the battalion on 9 April, taking part in the Battle of Arras, which was one of the greatest successes of the war. Part of the regiment went over again on the 10th; this is when Elliott was wounded. He did splendid work in the attack." *Umm.*



Eustace Trehane Elliott.

ELLIOTT, EUSTACE TREHANE, 2nd Lieut., 8th (Service) Battn. The East Yorkshire Regt., only s. of James Edward Elliott, of Smeaton, St. Mellion, Farmer, by his wife, Catherine, dau. of John Trehane; b. St. Mellion, co. Cornwall, 15 June, 1884; educ. Hoe Preparatory School, Plymouth, and the Agricultural School, Ashburton, co. Devon; was a Farmer; joined the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry as a Private 15 Sept. 1914, after the outbreak of war; went to India with the 2/4th Battn. the following Dec. as Coy. Quartermaster-Sergt.; returned to England in Nov., and was gazetted 2nd Lieut. East Yorkshire Regt. in Dec. 1915; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 25 Aug. 1916, and was killed in action at Guemappe, during the Battle of Arras, 10 April, 1917. His Commanding Officer wrote: "During the time he has been with me he has done excellent work, and will be greatly missed by all ranks." *Umm.*

ELLIOTT, FRANCIS, Lieut., Reserve of Officers, 2nd s. of the Rev. Canon John Robert Elliott, Vicar of North with South Carlton, by his wife, Mary, dau. of the late Dr. Sole; b. Gainsborough, co. Lincoln, 7 Aug. 1880; educ. Queen Elizabeth's School there; joined the Volunteers as 2nd Lieut. in 1899; volunteered for service during the South African War, and served through that campaign, being gazetted 2nd Lieut. 3rd Lincoln Militia in 1901; was given a Lieutenancy in the Reserve of Officers in 1905, and in 1907 was selected to serve as District Superintendent of Police in the East African Protectorate; returned to England on leave in 1913, and read a paper on Jubaland at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, being made a member of the society; served as Intelligence Officer in the expedition against the Marehan Somali; took part in some minor actions on the borders of German East Africa in 1915, whence he was sent, with the temporary rank of Capt. in the King's African Rifles, to stop a rising of the Turkhana tribes, who inhabit the country round Lake Rudolf; was appointed District Commissioner of Jubaland on his return, and later in the year was sent to keep the peace among the turbulent tribes of Somali, and to watch the Abyssinian border; he was killed in action at Serenli, near the Juba river, 2 Feb. 1916. Buried at Bardera, in Italian Somaliland; *umm.*

ELLIOTT, GEORGE WILLIAM, Private, No. 11500, 10th (Service) Battn. The East Yorkshire Regt., only s. of George William Elliott, of Smeaton, St. Mellion, Farmer, by his wife, Catherine, dau. of John Trehane; b. St. Mellion, co. Cornwall, 15 June, 1884; educ. Hoe Preparatory School, Plymouth, and the Agricultural School, Ashburton, co. Devon; was a Farmer; joined the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry as a Private 15 Sept. 1914, after the outbreak of war; went to India with the 2/4th Battn. the following Dec. as Coy. Quartermaster-Sergt.; returned to England in Nov., and was gazetted 2nd Lieut. East Yorkshire Regt. in Dec. 1915; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 25 Aug. 1916, and was killed in action at Guemappe, during the Battle of Arras, 10 April, 1917. His Commanding Officer wrote: "During the time he has been with me he has done excellent work, and will be greatly missed by all ranks." *Umm.*

2) Listing in the Roll of Honour



3) Memorial Plaque, Scroll and Medals



4) Close up of the Memorial Plaque
Photographs by Robert Smith

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