



CUMPSTON, B. L.

BASIL LANCELOT CUMPSTON March 16, 1893—May 10, 1917

Second Lieutenant, Border Regiment.

Son of Basil Arthur Cumpston; b. Wapella, Sask.; ed. Weston P.S. and H.S., Upper Canada College; U.C.C. Scholar, Trinity College, 1911-15, B.A. (Mod. Hist.); C.O.T.C.

In May 1915 he enlisted in the 2nd Universities Company, P.P.C.L.I., and went overseas as Lance-Corporal the next month. He reached France in August and served in the battalion for a time till he returned to England to train for a commission in the Imperial Army. Being appointed to the 2nd Border Regiment, he returned to France in May 1916. On June 28th he was wounded at the Somme. On May 9th, 1917, near Bullecourt, he was reporting to his Commanding Officer the result of a reconnaissance, which he had made as Battalion Intelligence Officer, when a shell struck Headquarters and wounded all the Staff. The next morning he died of his injuries. Buried at Achiet-le-Grand.

†CUMPSTON, BASIL LANCELOT; late of Toronto; Son of Basil A. Cumpston, 443 Walmer

Rd., Toronto; B.A. '15; Pte. C.O.T.C.; E. 2nd Univ. Coy., P.P.C.L.I.; L.-Cpl., May 27, 1915; O.S. June 28, 1915; Corpl.; France, August 23, 1915; 2nd Lt., 2nd Border Regt., May 10, 1916; slightly wounded, June 28, 1916; Somme Offensive, July, 1916-May, 1917; wounded May 9, 1917, before Bullecourt by bursting of shell in Bn. H.Q., when reporting to C.O. result of reconnaissance as Intelligence Officer; died of wounds May 10, 1917; buried at Achiet-le-Grand.

CUMPSTON, BASIL LANCELOT; E. November '08, from Weston H.S.; aged 15-8; L. '11; son of B.A. Cumpston, Toronto; Trin. Coll. Tr. '11 - '15 (Leonard McLaughlin Sch.); B.A. Univ. Tor. '15 (2nd Class Hon. Mod. History). Enlisted May 27, 1915; 2nd Univ. O.S. Coy.; attd. P.P.C.L.I.; L.-Cpl.; O. S., June 28, 1915; France, August 23, 1915; 2nd Lt., 2nd Border Regt., May 9, 1916; Somme Offensive, July, 1916-May, 1917; died of wounds at Bullecourt, May 10, 1917.