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LIEUTENANT CECIL ERNEST PHILCOX, M.C. (1909-12).
1st Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment.

Born 8th September, 1895. After leaving Dulwich he went into a Timber-brokers' office in the City to gain experience. In September, 1914, he enlisted in The Rangers, 12th Battalion London Regiment, but transferred to the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps in February, 1915, and obtained a temporary commission in the South Staffordshire Regiment in the following July. He proceeded to France in June, 1916, being attached to the 1st Battalion in the 7th Division. A month later he was promoted temporary Lieutenant for his work in High Wood, and he also took part in actions at Mametz, Beaumont-Hamel and later round Arras, Serre, Martinpuich, Bullecourt, etc. In November, 1916, he was appointed Battalion Bombing Officer, and it was while the battalion was resting behind the lines that



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a Mills grenade exploded prematurely during bombing practice, a piece of shell wounding him in the head, and he died three days later on 24th May, 1917, near Bullecourt. Besides being mentioned in despatches he was awarded the M.C. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.