

Sydney Smith

1880 – 1918

*Captain 3rd Battalion,
King's Royal Rifle Corps*



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Sydney Smith, Captain 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, was the youngest son of James Smith, and his wife Jemima M Smith, 4 Thorburn Road, Colinton.



He was born in Leith in 1880. Educated at George Watson's College 1888-1897, and on leaving took up banking with the Commercial Bank of Scotland as his profession.

As a volunteer he joined the Royal Scot's in 1891, and in 1899 became a member of the Banker's Company. In 1914 he received a commission in the East Surrey Regiment, and went to France in 1915. He was wounded at Loos, and on returning to France was promoted Captain. In July 1917 he was invalided home, but returned to the front again in 1918 and joined the 8th East Surrey Regiment at Albert.

He was killed on 19th May 1918, aged 38.

He is remembered with Honour at Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France, George Watson's College, Royal Bank of Scotland Head Office, St. Andrew Square, and Colinton War Memorial.