

John Russell Benham

1895 - 1915

*2nd Lieutenant, 100th Battery, Royal Field
Artillery*



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John Russell Benham, 2nd Lieutenant, 100th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, was the only son of Edwin Arthur Russell Benham, of Colombo, Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, a Tea Planter and Tea Merchant, and his wife Grizzell Hamilton Stewart of Glenlinden, Colinton.



He was born in Colombo, 19th September, 1895. Educated at Mr Perkin's Matfield Grange, Paddock Wood, Rugby School and Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

He was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant, 17th November 1914, and sent to France with the 28th Divisional Ammunition Column on 16th January 1915, and was immediately posted to the 100th Battery. Later he served for a short time with G Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, and then returned to his own regiment.

He died of wounds received in action, near Ypres, 4th May 1915, aged 19. His commanding officer wrote "...that through the most trying times he proved himself a soldier for all his youth."

He is Remembered with Honour at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, (Nord) France. Rugby School, Dean Cemetery and Colinton War Memorial.