

Ralph Ruthven Wheatley

1892 – 1919

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King's Royal Rifle Corps*



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Ralph Ruthven Wheatley, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, was the second son of Benjamin Abercromby Wheatley, a fine art dealer, and his wife Jeanie A. Wheatley, of Hope Cottage, Colinton.



He was born in Edinburgh in 1892.

Educated at the Royal High School, and the University of Edinburgh, where he studied Law during 1910-1911. At the Royal High during 1907-1908, he played in both the rugby XV, and cricket XI. In May 1914 he sailed to Colombo, Sri Lanka, where his profession is given as a Tea Planter.

He joined the O.T.C. Infantry, in March 1909. When war broke out he joined the Royal Scots as a Private, and then gained his commission as 2nd Lieutenant with the K.R.R.C. His theatre of war was in France. He was wounded at Cambrai in March 1918, and invalided home.

He died at Hope Cottage on 16th February 1919 of influenza, followed by pneumonia, aged 26.

He is Remembered with Honour at Royal High School, University of Edinburgh, and Colinton War Memorial. The lectern at St. Cuthbert's is dedicated to his memory.