

McCarogher was a pre-War member of the 14th London Regt (London Scottish) and was mobilised in August 1914, immediately volunteering for active service. He went to France with the Battalion on 16 September 1914 and was killed in action on 1 November 1914. On this date the unit was in action against a large German force between Messines and Wyttschaete; it was thrown into the line without preparation or machine-guns; and with rifles that could only be used as single-shooters due to a mismatch with available ammunition. However, the Germans advanced in massed formation in bright moonlight, thus presenting good targets. The London Scottish beat off the attacks but lost 394 killed, wounded and missing. McCarogher was buried on the battlefield, but the grave later disappeared and his name is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres, Belgium.

MEDCALF, Edwin Francis (Frank). He was born at Forest Hill on 1 April 1893, the son of Edwin and Florence Amelia Medcalf. His father was a bank clerk, and the family lived at 69 Kilmorie Road, Forest Hill. He was educated at Frankfort House School, Forest Hill, and was at St. Dunstan's from September 1903 to April 1908, winning a School Prize for Work and Conduct in 1904. He later moved with his parents to "Aberdare", 125 Croydon Road, Anerley, and much of his spare time was spent as Scoutmaster of the 1st Forest Hill Troop. He joined the 20th London Regt early in the War, was promoted to L/Cpl and sent for officer training, being commissioned into the 3rd Battalion of the Leicestershire Regt on 28 December 1915. He was stationed at Pirbright Fort, Portsmouth, at the end of 1915. On 1 September 1916 he was appointed temporary Lieut and Signalling Officer, and was later attached to the Training Reserve from 14 December 1916. On 1 April 1917 he was posted to the 8th (Service) Battalion of the Leicestershire Regt, and whilst serving with that unit he died of wounds on 11 June 1917. He is buried at Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetary Extension in France. His father had died before him and his next of kin was his mother.

MEESON, Fitzalan Ridware. Born in London on 9 December 1891, he was the son of Albert Wreford and Mary Meeson. His father was an engraver and the family lived at 11 Silvermere Road, Catford. Educated initially at Plassy Road Elementary School, he was later at St. Dunstan's from September 1904 to July 1907. No information is available on his subsequent career, but it seems certain that he went to Malaya, as he was a member of the Malay States Volunteer Rifles during the early part of the War. The "Chronicle" of March 1916 contains a four-page letter from him dated 20 August 1915 describing his recent experiences. At this time he was living at 1 Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

Meeson's letter describes how, at a parade of the Volunteers on 24 March 1915, 50 volunteers were called for to escort German prisoners. Meeson volunteered, and a few days later went to Singapore, where he was one of the guards for the 412 German civilians, soldiers and sailors who were confined to the S.S. Montoro in the docks. Some of the captives were sailors from the "Emden". Shortly afterwards the ship sailed via Thursday Island and the Torres Straits to Brisbane, where the prisoners were handed over to the Australian authorities. The escort then returned to Singapore, but Meeson took five weeks leave in Australia; four weeks of this was spent on a sheep station owned by a fellow Old Dunstonian, H.S. Thirkell.

Meeson returned to Malaya, but later made his way to England and, having passed through an Officer Cadet Unit, he was commissioned on 4 March 1917 into the Royal Field Artillery (Special Reserve). He went to France, and on 4 May 1917 was posted to 13th Battery 17th Brigade, part of the artillery of the 29th Division. He served with this unit for over a year, being promoted to Lieut on 4 September 1918. On 14 October following, during the final stages of the British advance on the Western Front, he was wounded and invalided back to England. Whilst recovering from his wounds he contracted pneumonia, and died on 4 November 1918. He is buried at Hither Green Cemetary in Lewisham.

MIGHELL, Philip. Born on 17 August 1893, he was the son of Philip and Martha Mighell. Most of his early life was spent at Eastbourne, where he was educated by Miss Ackermann at "Hillside", St. Anne's Road. In 1907 his parents purchased Manor Farm at Beddington, Surrey, and he attended St. Dunstan's for the Michelmas Term of that year, from September to December. He volunteered on the outbreak of War, and was commissioned into the East Surrey Regt on 13 November 1914; on 11 November 1915 he was posted to the General List for service with the Royal Engineers Signals Service, and on 19 March 1917 was promoted to Lieut and attached to the Royal Flying Corps. He served in France with No. 5 Squadron and during aerial combat was shot down and wounded, dying of his wounds on 12 October 1917. He is buried in Duisans British Cemetary in France.

MITCHELL, Charles Henry. The only son of Charles Mitchell, he was born at Newry, Co. Down, on 8 March 1891. His father was a surveyor of taxes, and when Mitchell was young the family moved to 46 Davenport Road, Catford. His first education was with Miss Davies at Malvern House in Lewisham Park, before arriving at St. Dunstan's in September 1903. He left School in December 1904 when his parents moved to 148 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, and completed his education there. He later studied at Leeds University and was in the OTC there. When the War began this OTC service led to his being commissioned early, and he was promoted 2/Lieut on 11 March 1915 and posted to the 6th Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regt (Territorial Force).