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2 OF MY 3 SONS LOST

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With the centenary of the start of the 1st World War approaching we should not forget the agony of the Rev. Robert Russell Cobbold (1853-1925) #232 in the tree, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Wanklyn (1864-1936) #233, who lost two of their three sons early in the war.

Robert Henry Wanklyn Cobbold (1892-1915) #375

Educated firstly at King's College Choir School and then won a foundation scholarship to Marlborough College (C3) in 1906 and won a Junior Scholarship the following year. He left in the summer of 1912 having been Head Boy and gained a Classical Scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge. He was photographed as a member of the Eagles Society at St John's in 1914.



Robert was commissioned into The Rifle Brigade in November 1914 and was serving with the 2nd Bn when he was killed in action on 9th September 1915 in Flanders. The Officer Commanding his division wrote as follows "Your son had done excellent work whilst serving this division, and was a most promising officer. You have every reason to be proud of his gallantry and devotion to duty. H HUDSON, Major General, Commanding 8th Division."

He is commemorated in the Memorial Hall at Marlborough and in the church at Earls Barton.

Another memorial in the church at Hitcham reads as follows:

In loving memory of Robert Wanklyn Cobbold, St John's College, Cambridge, Lieut. 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade, Killed in Action Sept. 9th 1915. Resting at Fleurbaix, Aged 22years.
Blessed are the pure in Heart.

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Edgar Frances Wanklyn Cobbold 91895-1916) #378

Like his elder brother, Edgar went to Marlborough College arriving in January 1908 and leaving in the summer of 1912 (C3). He was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Cheshire regiment in 1914 but transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in 1915. He died flying near Beauchamps on 12th January 1916 very soon after arriving in France.

He is commemorated in the Memorial Hall at Marlborough and in the church at Earls Barton.

Another memorial in the church at Hitcham reads as follows:

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Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

Edgar Francis Wanklyn Cobbold, 7th Battn. Cheshire Regiment and The Royal Flying Corps. Fell January 12th 1916. Resting at Harboudin, Aged 20.

