

# RONALD WILLIAM ST GEORGE CARTWRIGHT

**Second Lieutenant**

**16th Squadron Royal Flying Corps  
died on  
Tuesday 26th February 1918  
aged 23**

RONALD WILLIAM St GEORGE CARTWRIGHT  
is buried in  
AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION  
France

*Additional information in the  
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*  
Son of Arthur and Ellen Mabel Cartwright, of Rothbury, Cusop, Hay, Hereford.

Before March, 1916, Aubigny was in the area of the French Tenth Army, and 327 French soldiers were buried in the Extension Cemetery. From March 1916 to the Armistice, Aubigny was held by Commonwealth troops and burials were made in the Extension until September 1918. There were a number of Casualty Clearing Stations here during the whole period. The Extension now contains 2,771 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and seven from the Second World War. There are also 227 French burials made prior to March 1916, and 64 German war graves. Ronald Cartwright is buried in Plot VI. Row J. Grave 8.



## FLIGHT AND AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING

MARCH 21, 1918

Second Lieutenant RONALD W. ST. GEORGE CARTWRIGHT, R.F.C., who as announced in "FLIGHT" March 7th, was killed on February 26th, was the second son of Mr. Arthur Cartwright, late H.M. Inspector of Schools for the Worcestershire District, and of Mrs. Cartwright, of Rothbury, Hay, Hereford, and grandson of the late Colonel Heywood, of Great Malvern. He was one of three brothers in the Forces, the youngest of whom, Second Lieutenant Eric Cartwright, 4th Leinster Regiment, and M.G.C., was killed in the battle of the Somme, in 1916. He was educated at Bilton Grange, Rugby, and Malvern College. He had only been a few months in British Columbia when war broke out, and joining up immediately in Victoria he came over with the Canadian Contingent early in 1915. After only a few days in England his company was ordered out to reinforce the Canadians at Ypres, and with the 16th Canadian Scottish he served through all the fighting there and in the charge at Festubert. On one occasion he was buried by a big shell, and shortly afterwards was invalided home and had to undergo an operation for appendicitis. He suffered from shell shock for 18 months, but made a marvellous recovery, and almost before he was really fit again he obtained a commission in the R.F.C., and went to the front in September, 1917.

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**ATTESTATION PAPER.**

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

	(ANSWERS.)
1. What is your name?	Cartwright Ronald StGeorge
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?	Market Harborough, Leices. England
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?	Father, A. Cartwright.
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?	The Knoll, Colwall, Malvern England
5. What is the date of your birth?	March 29th 1894
6. What is your Trade or Calling?	Rancher
7. Are you married?	No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?	88th V.F.
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? If so, state particulars of former Service.	No
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?	Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?	Yes

Ronald St George Cartwright (Signature of Man).  
G. St George (Signature of Witness).

**DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, Ronald St G. Cartwright, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date January 18th 1915 Ronald St George Cartwright (Signature of Recruit)  
1914. G. St George (Signature of Witness)

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, Ronald St G. Cartwright, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date January 18th 1915 Ronald St George Cartwright (Signature of Recruit)  
1914. G. St George (Signature of Witness)

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.**

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.  
I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Victoria this 18th day of January 1915.

Ronald William St George Cartwright was born in Market Harborough in 1894, the second son of Arthur and Ellen Mabel Cartwright. At the age of four he was boarding with his brothers and sisters at a hotel in Barmouth. His father was HM Inspector of Schools for the Worcester District and the family moved to The Knoll, Colwall. Eric was educated Bilton Grange, Rugby and Malvern College. He emigrated to Canada and on his attestation in January 1915 he called himself a rancher and declared that he was already a member of the 88th Volunteer Force. He came to Europe with the Canadian contingent and served with the Canadian Infantry. He was gazetted as a second Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps in August 1917, and went to the front in September 1917. He was killed in action at Menincourt in the Second Battle of the Somme near Albert. He is buried in Aubigny and he is commemorated on the Malvern College, Hay on Wye and Cusop Memorials.