

EUSTACE GEORGE ST CLAIR CHANCE

Second Lieutenant

**2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards
died on
Friday 27th September 1918
aged 19**

EUSTACE GEORGE ST CLAIR CHANCE
is buried in
SANDERS KEEP MILITARY CEMETERY, GRAINCOURT-LES-HAVRINCOURT
France

***Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register***

Son of George Ferguson Chance and Mary Kathleen Chance, of 3, Durrant Rd., Bournemouth.
Born at Clent Grove, Worcs. Left Eton for Household Brigade as Officer Cadet Bn. at Bushey, and joined
Coldstream Guards at Windsor in Dec., 1917.

Sanders Keep" was a German fortification 2 kilometres South-West of the village, between the Hermies and Havrincourt roads. It was stormed by the Scots Guards on the 27th September 1918, and after the fight the British and German dead were buried on the battlefield by the Guards Division Burial Officer. There are now nearly 150, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.
Eustace Chance is buried in Plot I. Row A. Grave 2.



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District Intelligence

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FALLEN IN ACTION

Lieutenant E. G. C.Chance, Coldstream Guards, youngest son of Mr G. F. Chance, Linden, was killed in action on September 27th at the early age of 19. Mr Chance's eldest son was so wounded to necessitate the amputation of a foot, while his eldest son was a prisoner of war.



MALVERN NEWS

Saturday 5th October 1918

Eustace George St Clair Chance, Coldstream Guards was killed in action in the 27th September. He was third and youngest son of Mr and Mrs George Fergusson Chance of Linden near Malvern (the former High Sheriff of Worcestershire). He was born on March 11 1899 and was educated at Summerfields, St Leonards and Eton and had passed the Cambridge entrance exams, and was planning to go to Trinity College in October 1918. However on leaving Eton in the summer half of 1917 he joined the Guards Cadet Battalion at Bushey. In December 1917 he received his commission in the Coldstream Guards. After training in Windsor, he joined his battalion in France in May 1918 and except a one week course served continuously until his death. His Colonel wrote: "He was killed by a shell in the attack on the 27th September. By the death of your son the Battalion has lost a brave and capable officer. He was loved and respected by his brother officers and men of the battalion."

Eustace was born in 1899 at Clent and the family lived at Clent Grove near Stourbridge. His father Ferguson George Chance was a glass manufacturer and Eustace was one of the four children of George and Mary Chance. Eustace was at Summerfields Preparatory School at the time of the 1911 census. He joined the Guards Cadet Battalion rather than going to Cambridge, and was commissioned into the Coldstream Guards in 1917. He joined the second battalion and was killed in September 1918. He is buried at Gavraincourt les Havrincourt and he is commemorated on the Eton and the Malvern Library War Memorials.