

## COLONEL EDWIN PERCY CLARKE DSO TD (1890-96)

The following is taken from the 1968 Register.

He was born in September 1881 and joined the family firm in Framlingham called EG Clarke and Sons.

At the outset of WW1 he joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Battalion and afterwards 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, in which he held every rank from Private to Lt Colonel, except Sgt Major.

On 1 January 1917 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order "For distinguished service in the field". He was also mentioned in dispatches twice and wounded in 1915. He was finally appointed Colonel in 1929 and retired in 1938. During this service he was awarded the Territorial Decoration (TD) for long service.

He was a member of the Wheat Commission from 1932,; deputy chairman of Home Cereals Committee at the Ministry of Food between 1939-41 and Past President of the National Association of Corn and Agricultural Merchants in Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Cambrdgeshire in 1943.

During WW2 he commanded 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Suffolk Home Guard and after WW2 he was Deputy Lieutenant and JP for East Suffolk.

He was a member of the Corporation at the College from 1935 and a Governor – he was Chairman of the Governors in 1964 & 1965. He was SOF President in 1935 & 1936.

He was killed in a road accident on 22 December 1967 at the age of 86.

This next picture (courtesy of John Bridges (S57-66)) was a picture of Officers before going off to war in August 1914. He is front row, one from right. Also pictured on far right of middle row is **Major Hubert Frederic Ling MC TD (1895-1900)**. **Lt Col Frank Garrett (Governor)** who was in charge, is in the front row, far left. You can see the full picture on the next page.



