

LT EDWIN GEORGE MAWBY (1889-97)

He was born in March 1879.

After leaving Framlingham he trained as a solicitor and qualified in 1902. At around this time he saved a life from drowning in the Thames, something he appears to have had in common with a number of other OFs according to the Register.

Prior to the start of WW1 he played an active part in the SOF, becoming Hon Sec from 1905 to 1909 and 1913 to 1914. He was also President in 1910 and 1911 and the editor of the first Register in 1907.

During WW1 he served in the Westminster Dragoons and Welsh Guards. He wrote a manual on bayonet exercise, which was widely used in the training of the New Armies (Kitchener's Men).

He was killed at Flanders on active duty on 27 September 1915 at the age of 36.

Although he appears on the main WW1 Memorial, the SOF erected a separate memorial for him in the Chapel. It consists of a tablet of bronze, set in an oak frame and includes this quote from Homer "Oh, dearest friend, in whom the Gods had joined the mildest manners with the bravest mind". It was unveiled and dedicated in 1917 by Dr Inskip, who apparently gave an eloquent speech in which he said that self-sacrifice had adorned both the life and the memory of the dead man. The SOF also founded the Mawby Memorial Prize in his names, which was first awarded in 1916. Apologies for blurred photo!

