



**2nd & 4th Battalion
Royal Fusiliers
(City of London
Regiment)**



Captain MICHAEL REGINALD KIRKMAN HODGSON

Born in 1879 in London.

**Killed in action
on 18th March 1915.**

Aged 35.

MICHAEL REGINALD KIRKMAN HODGSON was born on 26 September 1879, son of Robert Kirkman Hodgson, J.P, D.L, and Lady Honora Janet Boyle, of 78 Eaton Square, London. His father owned the Gavelacre Estate, which covered Bransbury in Barton Stacey parish, and parts of Longparish and Wherwell parishes.

He was educated at Eton and then admitted to Sandhurst Military College for Army Officer training in 1899.

Michael was elder brother to Maurice Kirkman Hodgson (who also died in the Great War) and to Celia Emily, Patrick Kirkman and Denys Kirkman.

He was commissioned on 11th October 1899 into the 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers and promoted to Lieutenant in September 1900. He served throughout the Boer War and was mentioned in despatches in 1902.

He became a Captain in May 1907 and was ADC to Lord Carmichael, Governor-General of Bengal. He went to the Western Front with the Regiment but was then transferred to the 1st Battalion, Yorkshire Light Infantry as their temporary Commander in October 1914.

He later returned to the 4th Battalion of his own Regiment in which he was serving when he was killed near Ypres on 18th March 1915. His name is recorded on a panel of the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL



The Menin Gate is one of four memorials to over 54,000 servicemen whose graves are not known in Belgium Flanders. Each night at 8 pm the traffic is stopped while the Last Post is sounded on the roadway under the Memorial's arches.