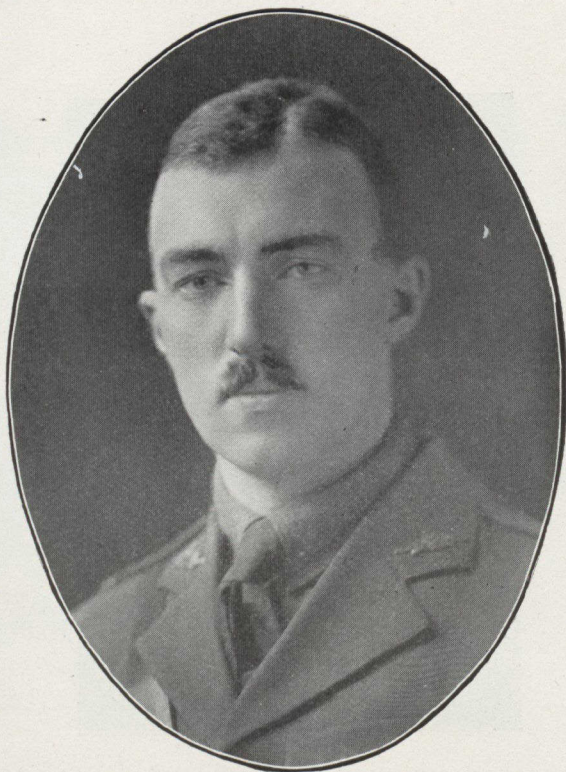


FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM



CAPTAIN E. R. CLAYTON, M. C.

Captain Clayton, son of W. J. Clayton of Halifax, graduated with high honors in Arts from Dalhousie University, in 1911. He enlisted early in the war and the quality of his services may be judged from the fact that he won the Military Cross. A letter from Lieut.-Colonel Allison H. Borden tells how he fell fighting:—

"I wish to express my sorrow and my sympathy, and the very great admiration I had for your son's fine character as man and a soldier. He was killed by a piece of shell, just as his Company was beginning to advance in the attack on Passchendaele Ridge. He had a very fine reputation in the battalion. In the battle of Eleu Dit Leauvette, he commanded "D" Company in the attack, and, because of his skill and courage he was awarded the Military Cross. Before Passchendaele he was Second-in-Command of "D" Company and he made preparations for the battle most carefully, reconnoitering the ground, instructing his officers, N. C. O's. and men, and massed his company for the attack without a flaw. Just after his company started he became a casualty, but so well had they been trained, that they carried on, annihilated the enemy, gained their objectives, dug in and held their position intact until the battalion was relieved. His loss is a very great one to the battalion and to me personally."