

CAPTAIN STEPHEN FIELD (1895-98)

The following is taken from the 1968 Register :-

He was born on 16 April 1880 and studied medicine at St Mary's Hospital, gaining a MRCS and LRCP in 1906. After working in Coventry and Warwick Hospitals he joined the Royal Army medical Corps and was appointed Captain in 1910.

He was taken prisoner in 1914 and held at Wittenberg camp, where he assisted in the medical treatment of typhus patients. There were 13,000 prisoners (9,000 Russians, 3,000 French and 900 British) in the camp and 1,200 of these were typhus patients at any one time. Four of the six British medical officers being held there contracted the disease, including Captain Field. One of the medical officers who did not contract typhus was another OF, **Captain (later Major) Alan Cunliffe Vidal (1892-98)**. He won a DSO for his work at Wittenberg Camp with typhus sufferers.

Captain Field died of typhus on 10 April 1915, at the age of 35.

My thanks to Anthony Whitaker, Chairman, Old Northavian Association who spotted the following information in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1924 and sourced the picture for me :-



FIELD, STEPHEN, Capt., Royal Army Medical Corps, only surviving s. of the late George Purdey Field, M.R.C.S., Aural Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, London, and for 15 years Dean of the Medical School, by his wife, Pauline (By-the-Brook, Mortimer West End), dau. of Robert Faulder White ; b. London, W., 16 April, 1880 ; educ. Mr. Hall's School, Potters Bar, co. Herts : Framlingham, and Harrow, and St. Mary's Medical School ; gazetted Lieut. R.A.M.C., 28 Jan. 1907, and was promoted Capt. 28 July, 1910 ; served in Jamaica, Somaliland (medal), and with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders ; was taken prisoner during the retreat from Mons, and died at the Prisoners' Camp, Wittenberg, Saxony, 10 April, 1915, from typhus fever, contracted while tending soldiers ill of the disease. He m. in London, Margaret, dau. of (—) Price, and had a son and a dau. : Stephen, b. 15 Aug. 1906 ; and Stephanie Margaret, b. 15 Aug. 1904.

