

## WILLIAM HUDSON MILBURN (MASTER)

<b>Date of Birth</b>	13 May 1891 in Alnwick, Northumberland, the son of Joseph and Margaret Milburn
<b>School Information</b>	<p>Educated locally he gained an Open Scholarship for Natural Sciences and went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge in October 1910. He obtained a first class in Part 1 of the Natural Sciences Tripos in June 1912 and passed Part 2 in the following year when he took his BA degree.</p> <p>He was a member of the college football X1 from 1910 to 1913 and captained the team in the last year.....<i>"W. H. Milburn (right half). A very good half, with a sound knowledge of the game. Has a great sense of anticipation. Feeds the forwards well, but is apt to wander on occasions too far from his opposing wing forward"</i> - see photo below</p>
<b>Career Information</b>	After graduating from Emmanuel College, Cambridge he came to teach at the College and in 1914 was appointed commander of the College OTC. Before being commissioned in 1915.
<b>Date Of Death</b>	15 July 1916
<b>Cause of Death</b>	Killed in action
<b>Location</b>	Somme, France
<b>Cemetery</b>	Thiepval Memorial, France and on Alnwick War Memorial
<b>Rank</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant
<b>Branch of Service</b>	4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment.

Below is a picture of his name on the memorial at Thiepval, France



We are grateful to Derek Pheasant for additional information on him, including the following background leading up to his death and the photos below :-

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 1916 1/4<sup>th</sup> Suffolks of 98<sup>th</sup> brigade, 33<sup>rd</sup> Division were part of a major advance after the successful attack on the Bazentin Ridge in the early hours of the previous day. General Rawlinson of Fourth Army wanted the successes gained to be exploited to take full advantage of the confusion of the enemy. But by the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> the Germans, with reinforcements arriving, had sufficiently recovered to stoutly oppose any new advance.

33<sup>rd</sup> Division were to attack from a line from the south western edge of High Wood westwards to the village of Bazentin-le-Petit, 100 Brigade to the right, 98 Brigade to the left.

At 0600 hrs the Suffolks moved up in support and after a 30minute bombardment followed 1<sup>st</sup> Middlesex, who led the way on a 1000 yard front at 0900 hrs. A and B Coys of the Suffolks were in the front line. As soon as they left their trenches they came under enfilade machine gun fire from both flanks and were also heavily shelled. Casualties mounted rapidly and all attempts to move forward proved fruitless. Between 4 and 5pm the whole enterprise was abandoned. The Suffolks suffered severely with over 200 casualties, including several officers.

He is also remembered on the Alnwick Memorial pictured below



He is pictured here as captain in 1913 of the Emmanuel College 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team



He is pictured here in 4th Suffolk Regiment officers at Halton Camp, near Tring, Herts in late 1915/early 1916. He is third from right, middle row.



Here is the "Report of the Clubs" from the Emmanuel College Magazine (Michaelmas term 1910 – see bottom of page).

## Reports of the Clubs.

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### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE season 1910—11 proved to be the most successful on record for the Club. After so nearly attaining promotion to Division I of the C.U.A.F. League for so many seasons, the efforts of the team were this year rewarded, and the premier honours in Division II were secured in very decisive fashion. After drawing the first game of the season, curiously enough against the weakest team in the League, every other match was won, and the record showed

P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	
				F.	A.
14	13	1	0	80	8

The number of friendly games played was six, and these were all won, with a goal record of 33 for and 3 against.

The Oxford match, with Worcester College, was won 7—0. In the two previous seasons the game was left drawn.

The season's success was in a great measure due to the splendid understanding throughout the team. The goal record stands as a tribute both to the attack and the defence.

### CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

*R. R. Powell* (goal). A greatly improved player. Showed great coolness, and was generally good in anticipating shots. A rather weak place kick.

*R. F. Lankester* (right back). A splendid tackler, and a strong kick. Always comes through with the ball, and never has an off day. Rather reluctant to use his head, but does not seem to need to.

*E. F. Edmonds* (left back, Captain). Improved vastly, especially in feeding his forwards. A strong kick, and quite fearless in his tackling. An excellent captain.

*W. H. Milburn* (right half). A very good half, with a sound knowledge of the game. Has a great sense of anticipation. Feeds the forwards well, but is apt to wander on occasions too far from his opposing wing forward.

Finally here is a photo of his obituary in 1916 from Emmanuel College Magazine

**Milburn** (William Hudson), son of Mr. Joseph Milburn of Alnwick, was born on May 13, 1891. He received his early education at Haltwhistle School and at the Duke's School, Alnwick. He gained an Open Scholarship for Natural Sciences and came up to Emmanuel in October 1910. He obtained a first class in Part I of the Natural Sciences Tripos in June 1912, and passed Part II in the following year when he took his B.A. degree. He was a member of the College Association Football XI from 1910 till 1913 and captained the team in his last year. At the outbreak of the war he was on the staff of Framlingham College and held a commission in the O.T.C. He received his commission in the Suffolk Regiment in 1915 and was killed in France in July 1916.