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PHILIP JOSEPH BELLASIS

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Captain, 5th Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Died 24th August 1916, aged 23

Born on 19th April 1893.

Son of William Dalglish Bellasis and Marie Sophie Dalglish Bellasis (daughter of the Marquis de Guerry de Lauret, widow of James Campsie Dalglish) of Stanley, Goring, Oxfordshire. They had two children:

- **Philip Joseph Bellasis (b. 1893)**
- Victoria Louisa Dalglish Bellasis (b. 1896, d. 1989)

There were eight children from William's first marriage to Mary Walmesley:

- Mary Theresa Bellasis (b. 1878, d. 1967)
- Cyril Edward Bellasis (b. 1879, d. 1879)
- John Henry Bellasis (b. 1880, d. 1949)
- Monica Mary Bellasis (b. 1882, d. 1953)
- Mildred Mary Bellasis (b. 1883, d. 1953)
- William Joseph Bellasis (b. 1884, KIA 1914)
- Richard Falconberg Bellasis (b. 1886, d. 1963)
- Agnes Mary Helena Bellasis (b. 1888, d. 1981)

There were six children from Marie Sophie's first marriage to James Dalglish:

- Alexander Augustus Dalglish (b. 1875, d.1926)
- Mary Josephine Dalglish (B. 1879, d. 1930)
- Robin Campsie Dalglish (b. 1880, d. 1934)
- Charles Antoine De Guerry Dalglish (b. 1882, KIA 1914)
- Dorothy Dalglish (b. 1885, d. 1923)
- Kenneth Park Dalglish (b. 1888, d. 1923)

Educated at the Oratory School, Birmingham and Merton College from 1913.

Member of the O.T.C.

Went to France in 1915.

Gazetted Captain in August 1915.

Wounded at Hooge on 10th August 1915, returned to his regiment in April 1916.

Killed at Delville Wood.

The Times 8th September 1916

CAPTAIN PHILIP JOSEPH BELLASIS, Shropshire Light Infantry, who fell on August 24, was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Dalglish Bellasis and grandson of the late Mr Serjeant Bellasis. He was educated at the Oratory School and at Merton College, Oxford, where he matriculated in 1913. He joined the O.T.C., and, when war broke out, he was given a commission. He was gazetted captain in August 1915, and on the 10th was wounded at Hooge. He rejoined his regiment in April. His major writes:-

> *"His loss to the battalion will be a severe one, as he was extremely popular with officers and men. Personally I have known him since the day he joined, and had formed a very high opinion of his merits, so high indeed that, had he survived, I would have hope to see him make the Army his profession."*

Another officer writes:-

> *"I was with him at the time of his death. He was gallantly leading his men from the German second line to the third, when he was killed by fragments of a shell, death being instantaneous. We were all proud of him as our company commander, and every one is cut up at the news of his death."*

Captain Bellasis was a half-brother of Captain C. A. de G. Dalglish, of the Black Watch, killed at Sablonnieres on September 9, 1914, and of W. L. Bellasis, of Bowker's Horse, who was killed at Longide, B.E.A., on November 3, 1914. Three other members of this family are fighting for their country, two in the Navy, and one in the Army.

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bLudlow Advertiser 16th September 1916

Captain Philip Joseph Bellasis, Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, who was killed in action on August 24th, was the youngest son of Mr Dalglish Bellasis, Sundorne House, Shrewsbury, and was 24 years of age. He was also the grandson of Mr Serjeant Bellasis. He was educated at The Oratory School and at Merton College Oxford where he matriculated in 1915. He joined the O.T.C. and when war broke out he was given a commission. He was gazetted Captain in 1915 and was wounded at Hooge. He rejoined his regiment in April.

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The Oxford Magazine 10th November 1916

PHILIP JOSEPH BELLASIS came of a family which has done much hard fighting in the present war, and before his death had already lost two half-brothers in action. He came to .Merton from the Oratory School in January, 1913, and while at College was a keen hockey player and member of the O.T.C. At the outbreak of the War he was given a commission in the Shropshire Light Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Hooge on August 10, 1915, just after he had been made Captain. He rejoined his battalion in April, 1916, and was killed by a shell while leading his men against the third line of German trenches on August 24. He was a keen and capable officer, as popular in his regiment as he had been at College.

His half-brother **Captain Charles Antoine De Guerry Dalglish**, 1st Battalion, Black Watch, died on 8th September 1914, aged 31. He is buried in grave 2 in Sablonnieres New Communal Cemetery.	
His half-brother **Private William Joseph Bellasis**, 115, East African Mounted Rifles, died in action atLongido Hill, Kenya, on 3rd November 1914, aged 29. He is buried in collective grave 8.E. 6-13 in Dar-es-Salaam War Cemetery.	
His half-brother **Richard Fauconberg Bellasis**, served as Private 690, East African Mounted Rifles from 6th November 1915. He was later commissioned as a Lieutenant.	
Source: Bond of Sacrifice & Oxford University Roll of Service & The Illustrated London News 27th January 1917 & Andy Frisby & Michael Goldschmidt	