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LT. COL. W.A.R. AMES. O.B.E.
52nd Light Infantry

It was in 1917 that Roger Ames, aged 19 and just out of Eton and Sandhurst, saw active service in France with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and was wounded. After the War he served in Ireland and India until 1933 when he was appointed an instructor at Woolwich. He retired in 1937 and, on becoming Director of Physical Training at Eton College and Secretary of the Old Etonian Association, came to live at Dorney.

He had barely settled in when World War II broke out; he returned to the Colours and had the honour of commanding a battalion of his own Regiment.

After the War he went back to his job at Eton and took on as well Secretary of the Old Etonian Trust, which was responsible for the wonderfully successful Eton Appeal.

His help and encouragement to the Windsor & Eton Athletic Club was the very foundation of their success and he became their President. He had himself participated in the Berlin and Los Angeles Olympic Games.

In Dorney he became loved and respected by all who knew him for his friendliness and kindness and his willingness to help. When anything had to be done, as opposed to being talked about, it was always Roger Ames who was called upon to do it and he invariably made a success of it.

For a time he was Chairman of the Dorney Branch of the Conservative Association and for many years a Churchwarden and a member of the Parochial Church Council. It was he who organized the bazaars and fetes which brought money to the Church and no-one else ever approached the success he had in this. He had that rare gift of making everyone enjoy working with and for him.

He died on 10th November at the comparatively early age of 64 and was buried on 15th November at Dorney, after a very lovely service in Eton College Chapel.

We will cherish his memory with affection for a very long time and would like to offer our sympathy to Mrs. Ames and to Simon and Clemency.

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