

Lieut. H. DOUGLAS STRATFORD (GRENADIER GUARDS.)

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stratford attended at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, Feb. 5th.

The Roll of Honour included the name of their son, Lieut. H. Douglas Stratford, Grenadier Guards, who was reported wounded and missing on the 13th April last during that epic defence of the Guards around the forest of Nieppe where orders were received to fight at all costs for 48 hours. It was at first believed that his wounds were not likely to prove fatal and hopes were entertained that he might be a prisoner of war, but from subsequent reports, the Secretary of War in a letter of sympathy stated that it was now believed that he succumbed to his wounds at the time or shortly afterwards.



Lieut. Stratford joined the Army in May 1916, later entering a Cadet Corps, whence owing to his marked efficiency and before completing his course, he was offered a commission in the Grenadier Guards, being gazetted on February 9th, 1917.

He proceeded to France in August and was wounded in October, and returned to England. After a short convalescence he again resumed his duties. He was chosen by his Commanding Officer to carry The King's Company Colours in Guard of Honour, on the opening of Parliament, in February 1918.

On Easter Sunday Lieut. Stratford again returned to France, when, in less than a fortnight, he is now believed to have made the great sacrifice.