

PARENTS MARRIAGE:

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Ranald Michell ALEXANDER & Louisa Eveline LUARD

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Ranald M. ALEXANDER. Head. M. 50. Living on own means. Canada.

Louisa E. ALEXANDER. Wife. M. 46. Brighton, Sussex.

Evelyn M. ALEXANDER. Dau. S. 21. Scotland.

George L. ALEXANDER. Son. S. 17. Bayswater, London.

Genesta V. ALEXANDER. Dau. 13. Ryde, IW.

Annie STANNARD. Serv. Wid. 57. Cook Domestic. Ryde, IW.

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ALEXANDER Capt. Ronald M. J.P., Strathallan, Queen's-road, Ryde, IW.

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ISLAND AT WAR

CAPT. G. L. ALEXANDER, LONDON REGT. (RYDE & C)

Capt. **George Luard ALEXANDER**, London Regiment, only son of Capt. R. M. ALEXANDER, J.P., of Strathallan, Ryde, was we regret to learn, killed in action on the Western Front on August 5th at the age of 34.

Deceased was an architect by profession, and prior to the war belonged to the 8th City of London (Lord LIVERPOOL'S) Regiment. Owing to professional work he left the regiment for a time, but on the outbreak of hostilities rejoined and went to the Western Front, where he was wounded at Festubert and again at Loos. He afterwards returned home and was engaged in helping to train Officer Cadet Corps at Oxford, and subsequently went through a course of staff instruction at Cambridge, coming out at the top. He then returned to the Front and was attached to an Infantry Brigade as probation staff officer.

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ISLAND AT WAR

Capt. Ranald M. ALEXANDER, J.P., has received a letter with reference to the death of his only son, Capt. **G. L. ALEXANDER**, from Col. HARVEY, late commanding the City of London P.O. (Rifles), who sends deepest sympathy and says the deceased will be a great loss to the Army, and his many friends. He could not tell how much he appreciated his loyalty to him and his devotion to his regiment. The writer adds: "You must be proud of such a fine son."

The deceased officer's widow, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. Oswald M. COURAGE, has received a letter from Lieut-Col. Oliver H. NORTH, the brigadier, who says: "It is with a very heavy heart that I write to offer you such sympathy as is possible in the sad loss of your husband. His death has come as a great blow to me personally and to all the staff. Although he had been but

a short time with the brigade, he has endeared himself to everybody with whom he had come in contact, and his loss is greatly felt throughout the brigade. He was a great worker, untiring in his efforts, and his kindly disposition had made him universally beloved. I can assure you that we all feel for you from the bottom of our hearts, Your loss is irreparable, but I venture to hope that some little consolation may be possible in the certain knowledge that your poor husband died doing his duty in the service of his King and Country. His death was mercifully painless. I was sitting down talking to him at the time, and he was standing beside me when an aeroplane bomb dropped close to us, and he fell dead across my knees, shot through the heart. We laid him to rest in the little cemetery near here, and the Divisional Commander and staff attended the funeral. I am having a cross put upon the grave, which will be well looked after."

Researched by
Ann Barrett