

# An Unfair Innings ?

## Ripon Grammar School from the 1913 Cricket Fields to the WW1 Battle Fields



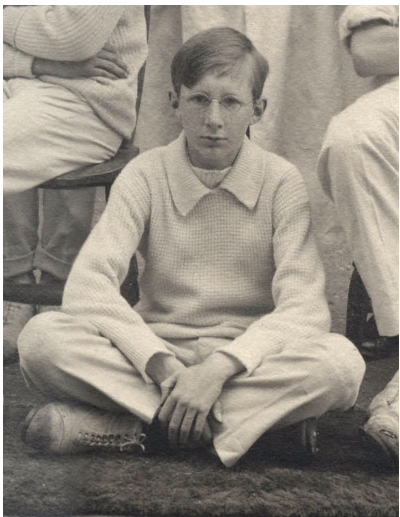

C. Swinton Bland Esq., W. N. Wells, S. Thompson, A. Waite Esq., J. E. Southwell Esq., M. H. Thirlway, Hainstock, J. S. Morton, D. Hamilton,  
J. G. Dove, J. E. Tilston, J. Jameson (Capt), P. Whitlock, S. F. Cartwright,  
G. E. Reeve, C. M. Richardson, C. H. Ducksbury.

An unfair innings ? : pictured with Headmaster C Swinton Bland, from top row, left, W N Wells, S Thompson, A Waite (master), F E Southwell (master), M H Thirlway, Hainstock, J S Morton, D Hamilton., Second row: J G Dove, J E Tilston, J L Jameson, P Whitlock, S F Cartwright. Front row: G E Reeve, C M Richardson, C H Ducksbury. Those with names underlined died in the conflict. Hainstock's records are unclear. All the rest went to war

The picture above shows Ripon Grammar School's Cricket team during the summer of 1913, but the boys' and masters wishes for their future were about to change as fifteen out of the sixteen saw active service in WW1. That summer, the school team lead by James Jameson played 13 matches, winning 6 matches with James leading the batting averages.

	No of Inning	No of runs	Highest Score
<b>James Leslie Jameson</b>	15	239	61
<b>Samuel Francis Cartwright</b>	12	128	27
<b>John Stanley Morton</b>	12	117	24
<b>John Edward Tilston</b>	14	105	26

Five years later, five members of this young team had given their lives during World War 1 together with a further 43 RGS students & masters who also gave their lives during the conflict. As part of this year's centenary tributes to all those lost in WW1, the Old Riponians Association have gathered together information from the school's archives and various national archives to allow us all to remember the Fallen from the 1913 Cricket teams both their lives at school & their war records.

<p><b>James Leslie Jameson</b></p> <p>Pictured below in 1910 aged 15</p> 	<p><b>RGS School Days</b></p> <p><i>1912:</i> Congratulations to Wells, Tilston, and Jameson, on their elevation to the dignities and privileges of Prefectdom.</p> <p><i>The Scientific Society :</i> The following papers presented: Colour Photography" (J. L. Jameson) The alpha, beta, and gamma' rays (Jameson)</p> <p><i>Rugby:</i>. The school then drew level through tries gained by Mr. Waite and Mr. Southwell, both of which Jameson converted 'somewhat luckily' the ball grazing the cross-bar- in each case. Jameson was tackling well and the visiting three-quarters found it more expedient to kick over his head, and then beat him in the race for possession.</p> <p><i>Hockey:</i>. Jameson (Half-back). Very clever with his stick, but should look where he passes more.</p> <p><i>Leeds University 1914:</i> James Jameson is playing for Leeds University at Hockey and Cricket, and has been chosen as vice-captain at the latter game for next season.</p>
<p>Thiepval Memorial: The Somme</p> 	<p><b>Riponians Roll of Honour</b></p> <p>JAMES LESLIE JAMESON</p> <p>Lt. 5<sup>th</sup> West Yorkshire Regiment. Awarded a Military Cross Died 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1916. Aged: 20.</p> <p>Son of the Rev. Thomas E. Jameson, of Thornton-le-Dale, Pickering, Yorkshire</p>

## Samuel Francis Cartwright

Pictured below in 1911 aged 15



## RGS School Days

*The Scientific Society* : The opening meeting of the session was held on Thursday, November 13th, when S. F. Cartwright read a paper on "Enzymes," fully describing fermentation and enzymatic reactions.

*Rugby*: Cartwright has had heavy work at back, and though undoubtedly our best full back, has had his hands too full.

*Cricket*: Cartwright is as steady as last season, but has devoted himself rather to the bat, with good results. He plays a clean, steady game, and shows up well on a good wicket. His two innings against Newby were very valuable, and redeemed the side from disaster.

## Samuel' s Letter from the FRONT to the School in the Summer of 1915 Aged 19

“ Somewhere in France.”

You will no doubt be wondering how we are going on here; though I daresay Barnie (i.e., Capt. Bland) will be giving you some glorious accounts of their life here. It is just over three months now since we landed, and in that time we have wandered about a good deal. Our work is to get the wounded out of the firing-line down to one of the casualty clearing stations (such as Evans is at), and they transfer them down to the base.

Up to the present time, when we are working at full speed, we have had slack times and stiff times, but now we have been moved to another portion of the Front, and are getting it pretty hot. I will try to give you some idea of how we are working, as no doubt it will be interesting to you. Well, the majority of the bearers are either working in the trenches, clearing to the two dressing stations, or else in –the dressing stations themselves. These are really the first places of shelter for the wounded, and are usually small farms or buildings, where the injured are taken, and there they are looked after by our men, until the motor ambulance arrives ready to convey them further back, perhaps three or four miles to a field hospital. Here they have their wounds treated thoroughly and minor operations are performed if necessary.

The Motor Convoy (often run by the Red Cross Society) clears from the field hospital to the nearest clearing station. We, however, are running a small hospital for convalescent wounded, and sick'; they have beds in a large barn, cleared of straw, and in fact barns are used very frequently as hospitals, although our field hospital consists of two long sheds, and this is where I am at present.

My duty is to go up with one of the motor ambulances to bring back casualties from the dressing stations, and I can tell you it is pretty warm up there when the artillery are going, and the racket of the guns is tremendous.

I met Evans twice, but I am afraid we have left him now many miles away. He was looking very fit, but was rather bored as they hadn't shifted from one place for over three months, and I believe they

are there yet. I have also seen Barnie at odd times. He looked very fit the last time I saw him. .If you could serape through a "Riponian " I should be awfully grateful.

Well! I must ring off now, and prepare for the toils of the night.

Yours very sincerely,  
S. F. CARTWRIGHT (O.R.), R.A.M.C.

Resting place: Sebourg British Cemetery, France



### Riponians Roll of Honour

#### SAMUEL FRANCIS CARTWRIGHT

Captain 3rd Bn. attd. 6th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who served originally with the R.A.M.C. Afterwards taking a Commission in the R.F.A. he was wounded. Returning to the Front he was severely wounded again in the late fighting of October 1918, and died of his wounds..

Died on Tuesday, 5th November 1918. Aged 22. Son of Samuel and Alice Cartwright, of 20, Otley Rd., Harrogate.

### Frederick Edmund Granville Southwell Classics Master 1910-14

Pictured below in 1914 aged 24



Educated at Elstow Bedfordshire & St Catharine's College Cambridge

### RGS School Days

Mr. Southwell, of St. Cath's. College Cambridge, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. As a chess "blue," and one who has in addition represented his college at every game of the outdoor variety, he has naturally proved a great acquisition to the School football and we can safely anticipate equal prowess from him on the hockey field next term.

We are pleased to note the continued successes of Riponians in the Hockey world. Mr. Southwell has also played both in the 2nd and 1st Yorkshire teams.

Mr. Southwell made his debut by giving an amusing reading from Mark Twain's "Yankee at the Court of King Arthur," and responded to the enthusiastic encore by telling a Scottish yarn in irresistible style.

We note with regret the departure of Mr. F. E. G. Southwell. Mr. Southwell has been a great supporter of the games and will be much missed in all departments of school life. Our heartiest wishes for his future success at Hymer's College go with him. We must add a personal note as regards our periodical, whose dull pages he has helped so much to brighten with his pithy poems, and his many contributions to the "Slips" column.

Resting Place Duisans, Pas de Calais



### Riponians Roll of Honour

FREDERICK EG SOUTHWELL

Lieutenant East Yorkshire Regiment 4th Bn.

Killed in action 10<sup>th</sup> April 1917 Aged 27

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Southwell, of 93, Queen St., Filey, Yorkshire

### JOHN EDWARD TILSTON

Pictured below in 1912 aged 16



### RGS School Days

*HENRY IV.* The Travelers played by Tilston, Gill and Hamilton

*Rugby:* Against Leeds Grammar; Tilston tackling splendidly.

Congratulations to Tilston, Wells and Jameson, on their elevation to the dignities and privileges of Prefectdom.

Commemorated at the Arras Memorial, Calais



### Riponians Roll of Honour

JOHN EDWARD TILSTON

Second Lieutenant in the 154th Company. Machine Gun Corps  
Killed in action 23rd April 1917 Aged 20

Son of Mrs Tilston, 84 Springkell Avenue, Maxwell Park, Pollokshields . Glasgow

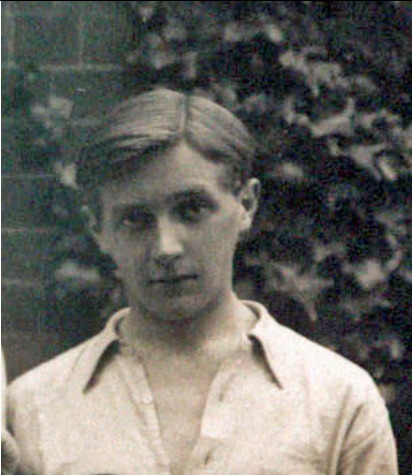
### JOHN STANLEY MORTON

Pictured below in 1913 aged 16

### RGS School Days

*Rugby:* De Grey for whom defeat now seemed certain, played most spiritedly, and Morton, after a splendid run, scored.

Morton shows promise, and should be good next year.



*Cricket:* Then at 54 three wickets fell, and a struggle for runs began against the bowling of Morton and Trevor. With seven wickets' down only two runs were required, but Morton then finished off the innings in sensational style with the " hat trick."

1916: Reported wounded

Commemorated at Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France



**Riponians Roll of Honour**

JOHN STANLEY MORTON

Rifleman: King's Royal Rifle Corps attd. London Regiment (City of London Rifles)

Died 28<sup>th</sup> August 1918 Aged 22

Son of John R. and S. Morton, of Leeming Lane Farm, Sinderby, Thirsk, Yorks