

Captain Rainald Le Bas

1887 - 1961

Rainald Stephen Le Bas was born in Kensington, London in 1887, the eldest son of Reginald and Florence Le Bas of Winsford. He was the father of Ann Le Bas who currently lives in Winsford. Rainald, was educated at Charterhouse and then Oriel College, Oxford and was called to The Bar in the Inner Temple. He was working in Rhodesia when war was declared and returned to England and enlisted with the North Devon Yeomanry. He transferred to The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment and served with the British Expeditionary Force at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. In 1917 he transferred to the Somerset Light Infantry and served in Ireland, returning to France in 1918. He remained in the Army after the war and went to the Staff College in Camberley. He later served in Egypt, returning home in 1928 following an injury and was invalided out of the Army. When back in England he worked with Dr Myers of The Glebe on research into 'shell shock'.

He died in Winsford in 1961 and is buried in Winsford churchyard.









North Devon Yeomanry

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Ann Le Bas Daughter of Rainald Le Bas

- "..there is not one whole house in the place and most of them were a heap of broken bricks but still you can tell it was a village which is more than can be said of, Guillemont, La Boiszelle and many another.
- ..The next village was Le Sars.....I believe if you hunted carefully you might find two bricks together in the village..."

A letter dated 6th December 1918 from Rainald to his mother descibing his journey back through the Somme Battlefields.

