

MEN WHO FELL.

KILLED.

Lieutenant WILLIAM **GEORGE DEVITT**, aged 26, was the son of the late Senior-constable Devitt, of the Detective Office. He was first employed by Messrs. Lever Bros., and left that firm in 1907 to take the position of junior clerk in the employ of the Randwick Council. He obtained advancement in the service, and was appointed deputy town clerk in 1912, and has since occupied that position. He enlisted in August, 1915, and left for active service in the following November. He was one of the first detachment to see service in France, and obtained his commission after the taking of Pozieres. On the Mayor reporting the news of his death to the Randwick Council at its last meeting, the meeting was adjourned as a mark of respect and esteem.

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Lieutenant WILLIAM **GEORGE DEVITT**, eldest son of Mrs. Devitt, of "Glen Ayr," Centennial Avenue, Randwick, who left for the war in November last year, and had been in action in France ever since the Australian troops have been on that front, was killed in action on November 10, the day before his 26th birthday. He enlisted as a private, and for conspicuous work in the battle of Pozieres he was promoted on the field to lieutenant. The colonel congratulated him on the way he had won promotion, remarking that this was the best way to win a commission. Afterwards he was sent to the officers' school in France for a month's special training, and apparently was only back in the firing line a month when he was killed. Before enlisting Lieutenant **Devitt** was deputy-town clerk of Randwick.

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