

THE REDLANDS,
MINSTERWORTH,
NEAR GLOUCESTER.

May 5th 1919

Dear Mr. Ross. Barber,

I am so sorry that
through illness, there has
been such a delay in
replying to your letter &
in sending dear Eric's photo.

I am enclosing two,
- One was taken soon
after he left Abingdon School
& the other in 1915.

The following
is an extract from the

Oxford Magazine for Nov. 1918.

THE REVEREND

MINISTER

OF THE CHURCH

Brasenose College.

Eric Howard Harvey came up in Michaelmas Term 1913, at the age of twenty three, with the object of taking Holy Orders, having left his school, Abingdon, five years before.

In August 1914 he enlisted in the Gloucestershire Regiment, but being wanted at home in consequence of a brother's death, he left the Army the following October.

As soon as it was possible for him he rejoined, & was

gazetted Second Lieutenant in
his former regiment on October
14th 1915. Two days later
he married ^{his cousin} Miss Swendolyn Harvey.

In July 1916 he went to
France, & in the next month
was awarded the Military
Cross for his gallantry in
leading a bombing attack
against a trench held by forty
of the enemy, driving them out
& consolidating the captured
trench.

In the following
November he was invalided
with Shell Shock & trench
fever & was not passed
for General Service till the
end of September 1917.

At the beginning of the
present year he was with
the Reserve Battalion in charge

of the instructions in bombing.

Going out again in April
he was wounded shortly after.

He remained however in
France & on May 14th was
appointed Captain. He was
killed in action on September
30th - (a fortnight before
the birth of his only son
(Michael)) -

His dauntless courage
& the influence of his sterling
goodness had made a deep
impression on Officers &
men alike. It has been
said of him that he was
an ideal Company Commander.
But his heart
was with the work to

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which he was looking forward to. He longed to return home to prepare for Ordination.

Whether he could come back here for a while he was uncertain, but anyhow "my short time at Gxford" he wrote "was full of happiness & the vision of it will always remain".

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From Sir Gayle a line
- later - Bar to M. C.

" He led his company with
gallantry & ability in an
attack, & drove the enemy
with many casualties, from
the position where he was
holding up our advance.

At one time his men
were practically surrounded
& under heavy fire. Through
which he rushed without

hesitation to warn an advancing
battalion of the position of his
company. He averted
what might have been a
most unfortunate accident.
by his promptitude & disregard
of danger " .

Eric always spoke of you
with warm affection & with
grateful remembrance of
many kindnesses shown him

Believe us

6/5/19. Yours very sincerely
Cecilia M. Harrington