Captain Roger Francis Draper

Born on August 14, 1890.
Joined Summerfields in January 1900. From there he went on to Eton.
He entered the army in 1914. Same year he married Anna, daughter of R. H. Gardiner.
He went to Gallipoli as part of 6th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment and later on attached to 8th Battalion.
Took part in Battle of Scimitar Hill. According to war diary was severely wounded August 21st 1915 in the Battle of Scimitar Hill and lost his life on August 22nd 1915.
He is commemorated in Hellas Memorial Panel 173.

Photos:
Left: Lieutenant Roger Francis Draper
Right: Captain Roger Francis Draper

Source: https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/lifestory/1692769#images
"Killed at the Dardanelles. Captain Roger Francis Draper, English Soldier of the York and Lancaster Regiment, Was the Son-in-Law of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gardiner of Boston. It has been reported to the British War Office that Captain Roger Francis Draper was killed in action at the Dardanelles about Aug. 21. It previously had been reported that Captain Draper was among the missing. He was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gardiner of Boston and Gardiner, Me. With his regiment, the York and Lancaster, part of the British Volunteer Army raised after the outbreak of the war, Captain Draper was ordered to the Dardanelles early in the summer, and after being stationed on two of the islands nearby, was landed on the Peninsula of Gallipoli, arriving just before the severe actions of the middle of August. Captain Draper was the son of Rev. and Mrs. William H. Draper of Adel, near Leeds, England. After graduating from Oxford, in 1912, Mr. Draper spent a year in travel, and on his return west into the banking business in Oxford. At the outbreak of the war, Mr. Draper was travelling on the continent of Europe with Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gardiner and their daughter Miss Anna Lowell Gardiner, to whom he was engaged to be married. On his return to England, Mr. Draper volunteered his services and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the York and Lancaster Regiment, then being raised. Miss Gardiner remained in England and was married to Mr. Draper in December, remaining with him until he was ordered to the Dardanelles. During the regiment’s course of training, Mr. Draper was commissioned first lieutenant and later captain. The marriage of the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner to Lieutenant Draper, as he then was, took place quietly in London on Dec. 16, in the Chapel of London House, and the service was performed by the Rt. Hon. and Rt. Rev. the Bishop of London, assisted by the father of the bridegroom. Previous to the marriage Miss Gardiner had been the guest of her fiancé’s parents and she was meanwhile interested in relief work directed from Devonshire House by the Red Cross Society. Mrs. Gardiner went from Boston over to England, sailing on the Lusitania, which later was sunk, accompanied by one of her sons, William Tudor Gardiner, Harvard ’14, and they were the only ones able to attend as representatives of the bride’s family. The wedding was of the simplest possible character."

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Meanwhile, 29th Div. would attack Hill W from the L.

Plan of O.G. assaulting Bn.-

At 1400 advance in 4 lines:

A & B, First Line.
C & D, in Support.
E in Reserve.

This was afterwards modified owing to the limited front (300 yds) to -

3 platoons of A Coy., First Line.
1 platoon of A & B platoons B, Second Line.
2 platoons B & 1 platoon C, Third Line.
3 platoons C & 1 platoon D, Support.
3 platoons E, Reserve.

1350. Artillery bombardment from Beaches A & A12L.
1400. Fire opened by massed H.0s on Hill 50.

1500. 5 Platoons A Coy., under Capt. BALDWIN, left trenches -

beachside flanks - no firing.

Remainder followed at 200 yds distance. Reserve under Lt. Col. BERTRAC & Capt. \& Maj. FORD at about 600 yds distance. Heavy shrapnel fire from enemy at close range caused heavy casualties.

Lt. Ralston (A Coy.) killed by shrapnel from trench also.

Capt. DRAPER, Lt. BODINOUR severely wounded.

Line continued to advance and cleared first trench without difficulty, enemy retiring but line under heavy H.0s fire from concealed machine guns.

The line became disorganized part of it veering too much to L. Scouring on L. east of fire by enemy's fire and dense smoke obscured view.

NB. I was wounded at this period and was unable to describe in detail anything further.

When I left, some hours later, no further advance had been made by 53rd Bn. or by units on flanks.

The Bn. had suffered very heavily and all officers except about 8 had been killed or wounded.

Our Artillery bombardment had done little damage to the enemy's trenches.


A. 5th N. Yorks & 6th Yorks, who will be conveyed in lighters E4, E5, E6, will disembark about 2300. Immediately they are landed, they will clear the beach and rendezvous about 150 yds E of landing.

6th Yorks will then move off and seize LALA-BABA, cutting the telegraph wire and detaching one company to picket the S shore of the lake.

The 9th N. Yorks will follow the 8th Yorks. As soon as LALA-BABA is secure the 8th Yorks will send an officers patrol to get in touch with 34th Bn., being followed by remainder of the 8 Bn. менее 1 Coy, picketting 2 miles of Lake.
Captain Draper’s Memorial at Helles Memorial, Canakkale, Turkey

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Source: Koza Kurumlu, Gallipoli, August 2017
A printed roll of honour was published by Barclays Bank in January 1919. The list is headed "Barclays Bank Limited. List of Local Directors and Members of the Staff killed in action, or who have died whilst serving with His Majesty's Forces. 1914-1918."

Included on the printed list is the name Draper, R F, with rank/regiment of Captain, York and Lancaster Regiment, and branch given as Oxford. Hand-written alongside the name is a code indicating that he originally worked for Barclays Bank (rather than their war-years acquisitions of London & Provincial Bank, London & South Western Bank, or United Counties Bank).

Shared by Yvonne Fenter
from Barclays Bank Roll of Honour
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