

**DEATH OF OLD BEDFORDIAN  
BROTHERS**

The death is announced of two Old Bedfordian brothers, Squadron-Leader R. A. E. Traill and Second-Lieutenant R. C. S. Traill, whose mother's address is in Lansdowne Road, Bedford. Squadron-Leader Robert Alfred Edmund Traill, who was twenty-eight, died as the result of a Service flying accident. He was born in Pelligrone, Argentina, and was at Bedford School from 1924 to 1931 and was a noted sportsman. For two years he was a member of the School first eleven and second fifteen, and was a keen boxer, having represented the School on many occasions. In the Officers' Training Corps he attained the rank of company-sergeant-major.

From Bedford School Squadron-Leader Traill graduated to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, where he gained his half-blue as a member of the Cambridge boxing team. On leaving College Squadron-Leader Traill entered the Royal Air Force, and it is great tribute to his flying ability that he was promoted to the rank of Squadron-Leader at so early an age. He saw active service in France and was mentioned in dispatches.

Squadron-Leader Traill was married on 28th August 1939 at Northcotes to Miss Elizabeth Vanda Hare of Fernhurst, Surrey. His bride had been a student at the Bedford Physical Training College for some years, and later took up duties at Guy's Hospital.

The funeral, at which Squadron-Leader Traill was accorded full military honours, took place this week.

Second-Lieut. Traill, who was twenty-four, was in the Middle East. He was at Bedford School from 1925 to 1934.

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A popular Bedford Rugby player and an Old Bedfordian, Mr. Theodore Diggins Thevenard, youngest son of Mrs. Thevenard and the late Mr. E. F. Thevenard, of 12 St. Augustine's Road, Bedford, was married on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church to Miss Beryl Eileen Glass, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Glass of 29 Beverley Crescent, Bedford. The bridegroom won both his Rugby and cricket colours at Bedford School. He has been a regular first-team choice for the Bedford Rugby Club, and his clever play at right-wing threequarter won for him a place in an English Trial. He has also played many times for the East Midlands Counties Union.

## THE LATE MR. H. WILLIAMS

### Funeral at Southill of a Well-known Sportsman

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Southill, on Monday of Mr. Harry Williams of the "White Horse" inn, Southill. The Rev. J. W. Adams officiated.

Born at Hitchin sixty-seven years ago, Mr. Williams was a County cricket player in his young days and played football for Luton Town. He was hon. secretary of the Southill Cricket Club and had been at the "White Horse" for twenty-five years. He was very well known and took a keen interest in local affairs. He leaves two daughters.

The mourners were: Miss Vera Williams (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. F. Marsh (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. A. Williams (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. H. Burgess, and Mr. Thake. Representatives from the Hitchin, Henlow, Biggleswade, and Southill Cricket Clubs, and other friends were also present.

Floral tributes were sent by: Vera, Clarice, and Fred; Brother Arch; Mr. and Mrs. E. Faulkner; Mr. and Mrs. W. Rook; Council House; Pte. Dick Hunt; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hatton; Mr. and Mrs. J. Whaley; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cruse; "White Horse", Biggleswade; "White Horse" Slate Club; Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker; Rook Bros. and family, Yew Tree Farm; A dear brother and uncle; Lizzie, Florrie, Henry, Geoff; Evi and Mark and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherman; Directors of Wells and Winch; Southill Park Cricket Club; Mr. and Mrs. A. Faulkner; "The Green Man", Stanford; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Whitbread; Mr. and Mrs. J. Watford; Southill Fire Watchers and Police; Mr. and Mrs. F. K. White and family; Committee of the Southill Weekly Whist Club; No. 7 Stanford; Mrs. Hall and family; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and Bryan; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, "Hare and Hounds", Old Warden.

## DEATH OF LIEUT.- COL. A. D. GAYE

### A Distinguished Army Career

A long association with the County Regiment was broken on Tuesday when Lieut.-Col. Arthur Douglas Gaye died in a London hospital on Tuesday after a short illness. He was fifty-six years of age, and leaves a widow, who was Miss Margot Russell (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Russell of Bedford), and a daughter, Mrs. J. B. H. Daniel.



Lieut.-Col. Gaye was born in India and was educated at Blundell's School and University College School. In 1902 he won the Public Schools quarter-mile and in 1905 he represented Sandhurst against Woolwich in the 100 yards. His military career began the following year, when he joined the Bedfordshire Regiment, as it was known then. From 1907 he served in Gibraltar and Bermuda. He saw service in South Africa, and was promoted captain in 1913. Next year he was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, being one of the first officers to be appointed to that unit. He went to France as a Flight-Commander in September 1914, and was shot down and interned in Holland in June 1915. This was a month after he had been wounded. After he was released, in 1918 he assumed duty under the Air Ministry until 1920.

After the war Lieut.-Col. Gaye rejoined the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and served in Ireland. For more than two years he was at the Regimental Depot. During 1923—when he was promoted major—and 1924 he was adjutant of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Volunteers in India. In 1924 he served with the County Regiment in Iraq, and afterwards joined another Battalion at Malta. With this unit he was in the Shanghai Defence Force. He retired from the Regular Army in 1933, after a further three years in India.

Lieut.-Col. Gaye returned to the County Regiment in August 1937, when he was appointed major in the Territorial Battalion. On 20th March 1938 he succeeded Colonel C. H. Miskin in the command of that Battalion. He was in command of a Service Battalion, which he joined in 1940, until last September.

An all-round sportsman, Lieut.-Col. Gaye had been a tower of strength to the Regimental cricket and hockey teams and had played for Bedfordshire at those sports. He played Rugby football, and for a period was secretary of the Biddenham Golf Club.

Amateur dramatic work was another of his interests, and he was a moving spirit in theatrical and concert-party efforts on foreign service. He had also appeared in many amateur theatrical performances in Bedford. He was a fine and genial personality and will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral is arranged to take place at 12 noon to-day (Friday) at Marylebone Cemetery, London.