

## **Major Neville William Wells-Cole**

Neville was born on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1891, the son of Gervais Frederic and Mary Beatrice of The Mount, Lincoln. He lived at Stones Place, Skellingthorpe Road which is now a care home. He went to Winchester College, where he joined the Officer Training Corps. He passed the entrance exam for the Royal Military College/Academy and went to Woolwich Academy, gazetted 2nd Lieutenant on 23rd Dec 1911 in the Royal Field Artillery. He was promoted to Acting Major, which was gazetted 27th August 1917. He was with the 65th Battery of the 28th Army Brigade when he was killed on 6th January 1918 and his mother received the dreaded telegram; "Deeply regret to inform you Major N W Wells-Cole RFA 28 Army Brigade was killed in action January sixth. The Army Board express their sympathy."

He was an excellent cricketer, a left hand bowler, and played for Winchester XI, Woolwich XI, Lincolnshire XI (his first match for the county when he was 17), and played at Lords for the Royal Artillery. He is buried at Canada Farm Cemetery near Ypres which contains 907 burials and was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield. His grave reference is III. G. 2. The original wooden grave marker is on the wall of the North Aisle of the church near the vestry

MAJOR  
N. W. WELLS-COLE  
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GREATER LOVE  
HATH NO MAN THAN THIS  
THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE