

Shaw Brothers William Easterby (1887-1915) and Graham Henry (1889-)

Tenth Episode. AD 1550. The School Receives its Charter

The chorus carries us forward over eleven years and now Edward VI, the lover of learning, sits upon the throne. A herald proclaims a new charter for the Sherborne School and delivers it to Sir John Horsey, who reads out the Charter, which acknowledges the importance of Sherborne and proclaims that there will be a grammar school called the Free Grammar School of Edward the Sixth. From every quarter, from every nook and corner of the ruins the school-boys dash upon the scene with a tumultuous rush and cheering 'that makes the ground tremble'. Caps are flung high in the air amidst a scene of overwhelming enthusiasm which only dies away as the opening notes of the new Sherborne song 'Fons Limpidus' proceed from the orchestra and are taken up by hundreds of voices.



William Easterby Shaw (1887-1915). Pupil at Sherborne School 1902-1907. Son of Henry Robert Shaw and Isabel Mary (née Walker), of 'Dulverton', 6, Granville Road, Eastbourne, formerly of 82 Vanburgh Park, Blackheath. Brother of Graham Henry Shaw.

He obtained his commission through the Militia in December 1909, and joined his regiment, 2nd Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry, in India in February 1910. His promotion to lieutenant was dated in February 1914. Wounded at Potijze Ypres on 8 May when the battalion's trenches were heavily shelled. Lieutenant Shaw was removed to 7 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne where he died on 18 May 1915.

Graham Henry Shaw: Pupil at Sherborne School 1904-1908. Brother of William Easterby.

In January 2021 contact was made from a grandson of Graham Shaw with a view to adding William to the list and writing a profile for the two brothers. Regrettably unable to respond as the email bounced back. The correspondent sent the photo showing the two brothers highlighted and the photo of two boys—the one on the left unknown and on the right is William.

