Lieutenant Gerald David Lomax, Welsh Regiment

Second Lieutenant David Lomax is commemorated on a brass plaque in St Marylebone Church.

It mentions that he was attached to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment, when he was mortally wounded at Fromelles in May 1915. It also says he died ‘on a hospital barge on the Lys’.

Second lieutenant Lomax was born in Manorbier, Wales on 6 January, 1895. His father, Captain David Alexander Napier Lomax, was killed in action at Driefontain, South Africa on 10 March, 1900.

His mother, Annette, later married Major Frank Towle and they lived in the Marylebone area. Gerald was educated at Marlborough College – also the alma mater of his stepfather – and was gazetted into the 3rd Battalion, the Welsh Regiment on 15 August, 1914.

He played rugby for Rosslyn Park RFC and is mentioned in the recent book The Final Whistle, by Stephen Cooper.

A second plaque carries the name of his nephew, Peter Lomax, a Blenheim fighter-bomber pilot of the RAF’s 229 Squadron, who was killed in February 1940.