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JOHN BEAUMONT CORRY.

1874—1914.

IN MEMORIAM.

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THE members of the A.C. have heard, with the very greatest regret, of the death in action on November 4 of Major J. B. Corry, D.S.O., R.E., 3rd Sappers and Miners (Indian Army). On the night of November 4 he was engaged digging trenches, when about 10 P.M. three howitzer shells burst almost together; one of them landing right in the trench killed, instantly, him and four of the men. He was buried at Sailly-sur-la-Lys.

Major Corry was born in 1874, the second son of the late Mr. John Corry, of Croydon, the elder son being our well-known member Mr. Robert Corry. He took the Pollock medal at Woolwich and joined the Royal Engineers in 1894. He served on the North-West Frontier of India in 1897–1898, taking part in the operations on the Samara and the relief of Gulistan, and receiving the medal with two clasps. Serving in the Tirah campaign he took part in the capture of the Sampagha and Arhanga Passes, and the Waran Valley, Bazar Valley, and other operations. In 1901 he served in the Mekran expedition and took part in the attack and capture of Nodiz Fort, being twice severely wounded. He was mentioned in dispatches in this campaign and received the D.S.O. He had been in the 3rd Sappers and Miners (formerly called the Bombay S. & M.) from the time he went to India until he came to England last year on leave. He was transferred to the Military Works Department and was stationed at Bannu when the war broke out. He sailed for France with the 2nd Indian Contingent as a reserve officer, but rejoined his old corps in place of an officer killed on October 28. The two companies of his S. & M. lost nine officers in a single week. He himself only left Marseilles for the front on October 31 to meet his death four days later.

Corry was elected to the A.C. in 1908. He first visited the Alps in 1893, when, led by old Christian Almer, he ascended the Eiger and the Wetterhorn. His subsequent visits were at intervals of five years when he was home on leave from India. The Scerscen Grat in 1913 was about his last big climb—the ridge in that year being in bad order and probably only done once. He made some expeditions in the neighbourhood of Quetta and had a season in Kashmir as recorded 'A.J.' xxvi. 85–7.

Although his opportunities for mountaineering were limited he possessed considerable capacity for finding his way on a mountain, and acted as leader on the Kashmir expedition. His visits to the club were, of course, infrequent, but he was one of those men whose place in their friends' affections never suffered

through absence. He has now fallen in the service of his country on the field of battle, but among all his honours there will be no more heartfelt tribute than is paid to our dead comrade by the members of this Club.

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