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Age		
	Parents:	Sir Percy Angier HURD (born 18 May 1864 in Berkeley, GLS, ENG - died 5 Jun 1950, buried in Huish, WIL, ENG) and Hannah Swan COX (born in 1865 in Midlothian, Scotland - died 15 Feb 1949)
21	Life Range	1895 - 17 Sep 1916
	Marriage Status:	This person had no relationships and no children
-31	18 May 1864	Birth of Father: Sir Percy Angier HURD (born 18 May 1864 in Berkeley, GLS, ENG - died 5 Jun 1950, buried in Huish, WIL, ENG). In Berkeley, GLS, ENG.
-30	1865	Birth of Mother: Hannah Swan COX (born in 1865 in Midlothian, Scotland - died 15 Feb 1949). In Midlothian, Scotland.
0	1895	Birth: Highgate, Middlesex. Registered Date. May have been born 2 Dec 1894.
16	1911	Census: Marlborough College, Wiltshire HURD, Douglas , 16, Student, born Highgate Middlesex HURD, Angier, 14, Student, born Highgate Middlesex [Class: RG14; Piece: 11916.] (Family) Hope Point St Margarets At Cliffe, Kent: HURD , Percy Angier, 46, Journalist & Secretary (various journals and The Tariff Commission 7 Victoria St SW), born Berkeley, Gloucestershire Hannah Swan, 46, (4 children; all living), born Leith, Scotland Anthony Richard, 9, student, born Highgate Philip Andrew, 5, born Highgate (Plus a Governess and 2 servants) [RG14PN4587 RG78PN192 RD65 SD1 ED5 SN157]
18	22 Feb 1913	Commission:
20	30 Mar 1915	Overseas:
21	17 Sep 1916	Death: France.
		Burial: Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme, France. II. C. 7.
21	20 Sep 1916	Times Biography: Summary. Died of wounds on September 15 in his 22nd year. Eldest son of Mr & Mrs Percy Hurd of Highgate and grandson of the late William Hurd, Solicitor and the late Rev W. J. Cox D. D. of Dundee. Educated at Marlborough College, entered Corpus Christi College Oxford 1913, winning a history exhibition there. While at Marlborough and from the OTC of the College he was gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment (TF) in Feb 1913. Soon after the outbreak of war proceeded to Gibraltar with his regiment and thence to the front in March 1915. At various periods he was machine-gun officer and both brigade and battalion sniping officer and shortly before his death was given his Captaincy.
22	4 Jan 1917	Probate: London, ENG. Douglas William HURD of Hillside Jackson's Lane, Highgate Middlesex. Administration to Percy Angier Hurd newspaper proprietor. £237.
55	16 Aug 1950	Probate: Father. £18736.
		Personal File: No file.

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OTC:	JNR: Marlborough; SNR: Oxford University.
Father's Occupation:	<p>JOURNALIST: Editor & Writer. Founder and editor of <i>The Outlook</i>, a weekly magazine published in London from 1898 to 1928. He later became editor of the <i>Canadian Gazette</i> and London editor of the <i>Montreal Star</i> and other journals in Canada. During the First World War, he made various visits to the battle-front in order to study and record the work of the Canadian contingent. He was also a member of the executive committee of the Agricultural Relief of Allies Fund, and twice reported on the needs of the farmers in the provinces of France from which the Germans had been pushed back. Hurd was a prolific advocate of the British Empire, and wrote several books on the subject, including one written jointly with his brother Archibald (later Sir Archibald), a naval critic who was editor of the <i>Naval and Military Record</i> from 1896-1899 and then a journalist with the <i>Daily Telegraph</i> until 1928. [Wikipedia]</p> <p>One of his articles in <i>The War Illustrated</i>, written less than a month after the death of his son, is on-line at: http://www.greatwardifferent.com/Great_War/Soul_of_War/Soul_of_France_01.htm</p> <p>Author of <i>The Fighting Territorials</i>.</p> <p>MP for Devizes from 1924 to 1945.</p>
School:	Marlborough.
Higher Education:	OXFORD: Corpus Christi.
Occupation:	STUDENT.
Siblings:	<p>Brothers: Eldest of 4</p> <p>† Lieut Angier Percy (Jack) HURD, Herts. Regt., born 1897 KIA near Hangard, 30 March 1918 aged 21 years. Buried Hangard Communal Cemetery, 5 kilometres south of Villers-Bretonneux.</p> <p>Anthony Richard HURD (Baron Hurd), born 1901, died 1966. MP for Newbury 1945-1964. Married. Too young for service. His son Douglas was MP for Mid-Oxfordshire and former Foreign Secretary. His grandson Nick Hurd is the current MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner. See: http://www.nickhurd.com/</p> <p>Philip Andrew HURD, born 29 July 1905, died 1963. Did not marry. Too young for service. Changed his name by deed poll to Robert Philip Andrew HURD in 1930 [LG]. An architect - his (interesting) biography is online at: http://www.scottisharchitects.org.uk/architect_full.php?id=202914</p>
CWGC Register:	7th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment; No family information; Age 21. Died 17 Sept 1916.
Sources:	Oxford University Roll of Service 1920 (p. 325); Photo London Illustrated News.
In Memoriams:	1917 (2), 1918, 1919 (2), 1920-21, 1923-25 (2), 1926-42.

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Decorations: Star.

General Notes:

From GWF:

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Born on 2 Dec 1894 (Source 1; Source 2 indicates 1895), the son of Sir Percy Hurd, MP, journalist and author, Hillside, Jackson's Lane, Highgate. At Marlborough College from Sept 1908 to Easter 1913; Exhibitioner at Corpus Christi College, Oxford from 1913 to 1914 (Passed Classical Mods, 1914); Commissioned 2nd Lieut., 7th Bn, Middlesex Regt. (TF), 1913 Lieutenant, 1915; Captain, 1916; Served at Gibraltar, France and Belgium; Killed in action near Leuze Wood on the Somme on 15 Sept 1916

Sources: *Marlborough College Register 1843-1933; Corpus Christi College, Oxford Biographical Register 1880-1974*

Listed in the *Oxford University Roll of Service 1920* (p. 325)