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**TROOPER H. R. DRAKE KILLED.**—We regret to announce the death in action in France of Trooper Hugh Rivers Drake, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Drake, of Darnley Road, Gravesend. The deceased joined the West Kent Yeomanry on his 18th birthday, in February, 1915. In November, 1916, he was transferred to the Royal West Kents, and embarked for France. He had recently been in hospital for two months, and had only gone back to the line about a fortnight when the sad end came. Before joining the Army he was a pupil with Messrs. Cannell and Sons, Swanley and Eynsford.