

Captain ^{John} W. Blacket.

His commanding officer (Lieut. Colonel Dollmaⁿ) writes, as follows
--"His passing away is a very heavy blow to every one in the Battalion.
I personally feel the loss very keenly. He was closely associated with
me in the formation of the Battalion, and his work was worthy of him.
I deeply sympathise with you in his death, and can assure you his
place can never be adequately filled."

If the above is of any service to you please ~~use~~ use it. My boy
was killed by a shell in the trenches when in charge of A Company who
were being bombarded by the Germans, on July 4, 1916.

Kind regards,

JOHN BLACKET.

If you should be publishing photos
of men do not copy the one on newspaper
cutting. I have a better photo than that.

BIOGRAPHICAL PARTICULARS

THE LATE CAPTAIN J. W. BLACKET.

The Rev. John Blacket, of Norwood, on Thursday received advice from the Minister of Defence that his son, Captain John W. Blacket, was killed in action on July 4. The deceased officer, who enlisted in Adelaide, left as adjutant to the 27th Battalion under Colonel Dollman, and he was widely esteemed. He went to Prince Alfred College in 1891, and afterwards joined the teaching staff at the college, where he remained until he enlisted. He was an enthusiastic worker among the cadets at the college, and he succeeded



The late Captain Blacket.

Major Oldham (killed in the landing at Gallipoli) as area officer for the 73B district. Lieutenant Blacket spent a fortnight with the troops on Gallipoli, and on leaving the hospital he returned to Egypt, and later on left again for the front. He was a prominent athlete, and for several years was wicket-keeper in the University A grade cricket team. He was a prominent member of the Norwood football team for three seasons. He was also captain of the University team in the Amateur Football League, and was a delegate to that body. Captain Blacket was in his 30th year. The Rev. J. Blacket has another son serving with the 27th Battalion.