

MAJOR CHARLES HERWARD BECKER (1912-14)

Date of Birth	7 July 1897
School Information	Sub-Prefect. Cricket XI 1914. Footbgall XI 1913-14. Hockey XI 1914. Sergt OTC
Career Information	None
Date Of Death	8 August 1918
Cause of Death	<p>The following is taken from the Scioto Gazette on Friday 9 August 1918 :-</p> <p><i>CAPTAIN BECKER OF THE BRITISH MISSION KILLED WHEN MACHINE GUN GOES OVER HIGH BANK</i></p> <p><i>Capt Charles E. Becker, of the British army, lies dead at Ware's mortuary, and Lieut. William H. Nell, of the American army, is in the Base Hospital, with a broken shoulder, as a result of an early morning drive to the Artillery Range in the Stoney Creek section, for the big car which was driven by Jack McCoy, went over the steep embankment near the Morgan Wood house, and crushed the occupants under it. Capt. Becker had his neck broken and died almost instantly, and Lieut. Neil was caught on the shoulder. There were in the car, besides, these two, Chub Wadley and the driver, and two other lieutenants from Camp Sherman.</i></p> <p><i>The trip was essayed about two o'clock Friday morning, and was the result of the driver not knowing the roadway, and but few of the occupants, if any, were thoroughly familiar with it. One lieutenant said that he would direct the driver and when the sharp turn came, after crossing the little iron bridge at Pride, he yelled "turn to the right," but the car's momentum was too great for it to respond quick enough, and it went over the bank with the disastrous results noted.</i></p> <p><i>The aid of the neighbors men from the Artillery Range were secured and the injured man was rushed to the Base Hospital after a first aid dressing.</i></p> <p><i>The body of Capt. Becker was taken to Ware's mortuary, where it awaits instructions from the British embassy at Washington, as to it's disposition.</i></p>
Location	Stoney Creek Road, Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, USA
Cemetery	Chillicothe (Grandview) Cemetery Plot: Section 10, lot 138, grave #8195
Rank	Major on Chapel memorial but CWGC states Captain
Branch of Service	3 rd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, attached to Royal Fusiliers