

	Name:	Major Henry Duncan BENTINCK 2nd, Coldstream Guards	
Age	Parents:	Lt-Col, Count Henry Charles Adolphus Frederick William BENTINCK Coldstream Guards (born 30 Oct 1846 in London, ENG - died 18 Jun 1903) and Henrietta Eliza Cathcart McKERRALL (born about 1848 in London, ENG - died 10 Feb 1934)	
35	Life Range	24 Jun 1881- 2 Oct 1916	
	Marriage Status:	This person had no relationships and no children	
-34	30 Oct 1846	Birth of Father:	Lt-Col, Count Henry Charles Adolphus Frederick William BENTINCK Coldstream Guards (born 30 Oct 1846 in London, ENG - died 18 Jun 1903). In London, ENG.
-33	Abt 1848	Birth of Mother:	Henrietta Eliza Cathcart McKERRALL (born about 1848 in London, ENG - died 10 Feb 1934). In London, ENG.
0	24 Jun 1881	Birth:	Marylebone, London.
20	1901	Census:	Mayfair, London. 53 Green Street: BENTINCK , Henry C. A. F., 54, Retired Lt-Col Coldstream Guards, born St Peter's, London H. L. C., wife, 52, born St Peter's, London H. D. , son, 19, Student, born Marylebone, London U. V. H., daughter, 16, Student, born London A. W. D., son, 13, born Marylebone, London N. M. H., daughter, 13, born Marylebone, London (Plus 6 servants) <i>Class: RG13; Piece: 83; Folio: 18; Page: 25</i>
22	Jun 1903	Commission:	
21	18 Jun 1903	Death of Father:	Lt-Col, Count Henry Charles Adolphus Frederick William BENTINCK Coldstream Guards (born 30 Oct 1846 in London, ENG - died 18 Jun 1903).
22	14 Jul 1903	Probate:	Father. £42,763. To his widow.
30	1911	Census:	Uppingham, Rutland. Bisbrooke Hall: Percy Cecil EVANS-FREKE and household (<i>Visitors</i>) Henry Duncan Bentinck , 29, Army Lt, born London Arthur Douglas Bentinck, 23, Army Lt, born London 53 Green Street, Park Lane: BENTINCK , Countess H. E. C. A., widow, 61, born Chelsea, London (7 children all living) Naomi M. H., 23, born St Marylebone, London Countess Victoria M. F. M., sister-in-law, 47, visitor, single, born Ramsgate, Kent (Plus 6 servants) <i>Class: RG14; Piece: 00418.</i>
33	27 Apr 1915	Overseas:	
34	21 Jun 1916	Mother:	Mentioned in Dispatch. London Gazette 21 June 1916, p. 6185? See Medal Index Card for "Lady Henry Bentinck".
35	15 Sep 1916	Wounded:	
35	2 Oct 1916	Death:	France. DOW received 15 Sept 1916.
		Burial:	St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France.
35	6 Oct 1916	Times Biography:	

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	"... promoted Captain 1912, and brevet Major last January. Appointed for duty with the Egyptian Army June 1913. His brother [Arthur] who is serving with the Coldstream Guards was wounded in the early days of the war."	
35	21 Oct 1916	Times Biography: "... A good polo player and an excellent rider and judge of a horse, he won the Coldstream Point-to-Point from Sowerby to Whissendene a few years ago as well as the Brigade Point-to-Point which was run at Templecombe. In 1911 he won the Army and Navy Boxing Championship and 6 weeks later the Army Boxing Championship. Represented Harrow and Cambridge at boxing and won a half-blue for swimming. His brother [<i>Arthur</i>] was seriously wounded at the Battle of Landrecies. His father, grandfather and grand-uncle (who led the Guards at the Battle of the Alma) were all in the Coldstream Guards. [He] will always be remembered by his friends as one who mingled with his intense love of sport and his keen enjoyment of life, an extraordinary spirituality and love of the things not of this world."
35	10 Jan 1917	Probate: £4,084. To his mother. Personal File: No file found. Decorations: GSM & Clasp, MID, 1914-15 Star. MID London Gazette 1 June 1916, p. 30 Father's Occupation: ARMY: Regular Officer. Father's Status: Dead: died 1903. Mother's Status: ALIVE: died 1934. Age Diff Parents: 2. School: Harrow. Higher Education: CAMBRIDGE: Trinity (Arts). Occupation: ARMY: Regular Soldier. Empire/Overseas: EGYPT (Army). Brothers: 3rd of 4.
	Siblings:	<p>Robert Charles (6th Graf) Bentinck born 5 Dec 1875, died 12 Mar 1932 Captain, Remount Service, during the First World War. Overseas (France) 1917. MIC. Married Lady Norah Ida Emily Noel. [Graf = A German title of nobility, equivalent to Earl in English, or Count in French]</p> <p>Renira Christine Bentinck b. 6 Nov 1877, d. 22 Apr 1953</p> <p>Reverend Sir Charles Henry Bentinck born 23 Apr 1879, died 26 Mar 1955 Married Lucy Victoria Buxton. He was with the Diplomatic Service between 1904 and 1941. Companion, Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.) in 1923. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Ethiopia between 1925 and 1928. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peru and Ecuador between 1929 and 1933. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Bulgaria in 1933. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Czechoslovakia in 1936. Knight Commander, Order of St. Michael and St. George (K.C.M.G.) in 1937. Ambassador to Chile between 1937 and 1940. He was ordained in</p>

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1941 Deacon. Vicar between 1941 and 1946 at West Farleigh, Kent, England. Honorary Chaplain in 1946 at British Embassy, Brussels, Belgium. [Charles Mosley, *Burke's Peerage and Baronetage, 107th edition*, volume 3, page 3186]

Ursula Victoria Henrietta Bentinck b. 18 Nov 1884

Lt.-Col. Arthur William Douglas Bentinck, DSO, MC, born 24 Jul 1887, died 26 Nov 1962 in Nairobi
Survived. Wounded. MIC. [*Twin of Naomi*]

Naomi Mechtild Henrietta Bentinck born 24 Jul 1887, died 17 Jul 1959
Did not marry. [*Twin of Arthur*]

CWGC Register: Son of the late Col. Henry Bentinck (Coldstream Guards) and Countess A. Bentinck.

CWGC Inscription: I Know Whom I Have Believed (Tim. 1.12)

In Memoriams: 1917-18 (2), 1919.

Sport: Polo; Boxing; Swimming.

General Notes:

The Letters of Major Henry Bentinck, Coldstream Guards

Robert Scott, 1919

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Letters-Major-Bentinck-Coldstream-Guards/dp/B000WG8J8W>

[No on-line copy]

The Ex-Kaiser in Exile

Lady Norah Bentinck

Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1922

<http://www.archive.org/stream/exkaiserinexil00bent>

Interesting information about the "Bentinck" (German) title:

<http://www.heraldica.org/topics/britain/foreigntitles.htm>

His grandfather and granduncle were also Colonels in the Coldstream Guards.

HARROW MEMORIALS THE GREAT WAR

http://www.archive.org/stream/harrowmemorialso04warn/harrowmemorialso04warn_djvu.txt

MAJOR H. D. BENTINCK Coldstream Guards Elmfield 95 J ~99 : Aged 35 October 2nd, 1916 Third son of the late Lieut.-Col. H. A. Bentinck and of Countess A. Bentinck, of 53 Green Street, Mayfair. His father, grandfather, and grand-uncle were all in the Coldstream, the latter leading the Guards at the Battle of the Alma. Trinity College, Cambridge. Represented the University at Water Polo against Oxford every year he was in residence. Represented Cambridge University at Boxing, and in 1911 won the Army and Navy Boxing Championship. Major Bentinck joined the Coldstream Guards in 1903 and served at Cairo and Khartoum with the 3rd Battalion from 1906-1910. In 1913 he was seconded for service in the Egyptian Army. On the outbreak of the War he obtained leave, with great difficulty, to give up the Egyptian Army in order to join his Regiment and finally went to the Front in April, 1915, joining the 2nd Battalion, where he remained as Company Commander, or as Second-in-Command, until his death. He was mentioned in Despatches and obtained his Brevet Majority in January, 1916. He was mortally wounded on the Somme in September, 1916, when the three Coldstream Battalions advanced in a line from Ginchy. He was hit in several places, but a wound in the thigh necessitated amputation in a hospital at Rouen, where he died on the 2nd of October, 1916. A brother-officer writes : — " I think Druce is the greatest loss that we have had — such a splendid character all round. I don't know how to put it, but I feel his influence was so great. I felt he made me look at things in the way he did himself. Every action and every opinion he held I had the greatest admiration for, and I always felt his good influence. I

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am sure every one of us did. We all loved him so much and admired him greatly as the best of sportsmen and the bravest of soldiers. One can say very little on these occasions. He has given us an example to follow, and we owe him a lot in the Regiment." Another brother-officer writes: — " I can't realize that Druce has left us. I forced myself to believe he was going to get over it. . . . We have been constantly together. I don't think it would have been possible for any one to have been a greater help than he was, so keen about everything, so absolutely dependable that all anxiety and worry were removed because he was there, and I knew I had only to go to him and get his advice and things would be all right."