

Lieutenant Henry Boyton, 1891 - 1916



A particularly enthusiastic rower, Henry joined Marlow Rowing Club while he was still a student at Harrow School. He first represented the Club at a number of regattas in 1911. At Maidenhead Regatta, he was at three in a Junior/Senior coxed four which beat Maidenhead R.C. in the first round, but then lost to Reading R.C. in the final. At Bourne End Regatta, in a similar event, he rowed at bow, when the crew lost to Old Westminster.

Success in 1911 came at Reading Regatta in a Junior Coxed four, when Henry rowed at three in the crew that beat Kensington R.C. in the final of the Challenge Bowl. A few days later, at Marlow Regatta, he was rowing at seven in a Junior/Senior eight which beat Vesta R.C. in the first round of the Challenge Cup and then won the event by beating London Joint Stock Bank in the final, following a dead heat. All the members of the winning crew subsequently served during the War.

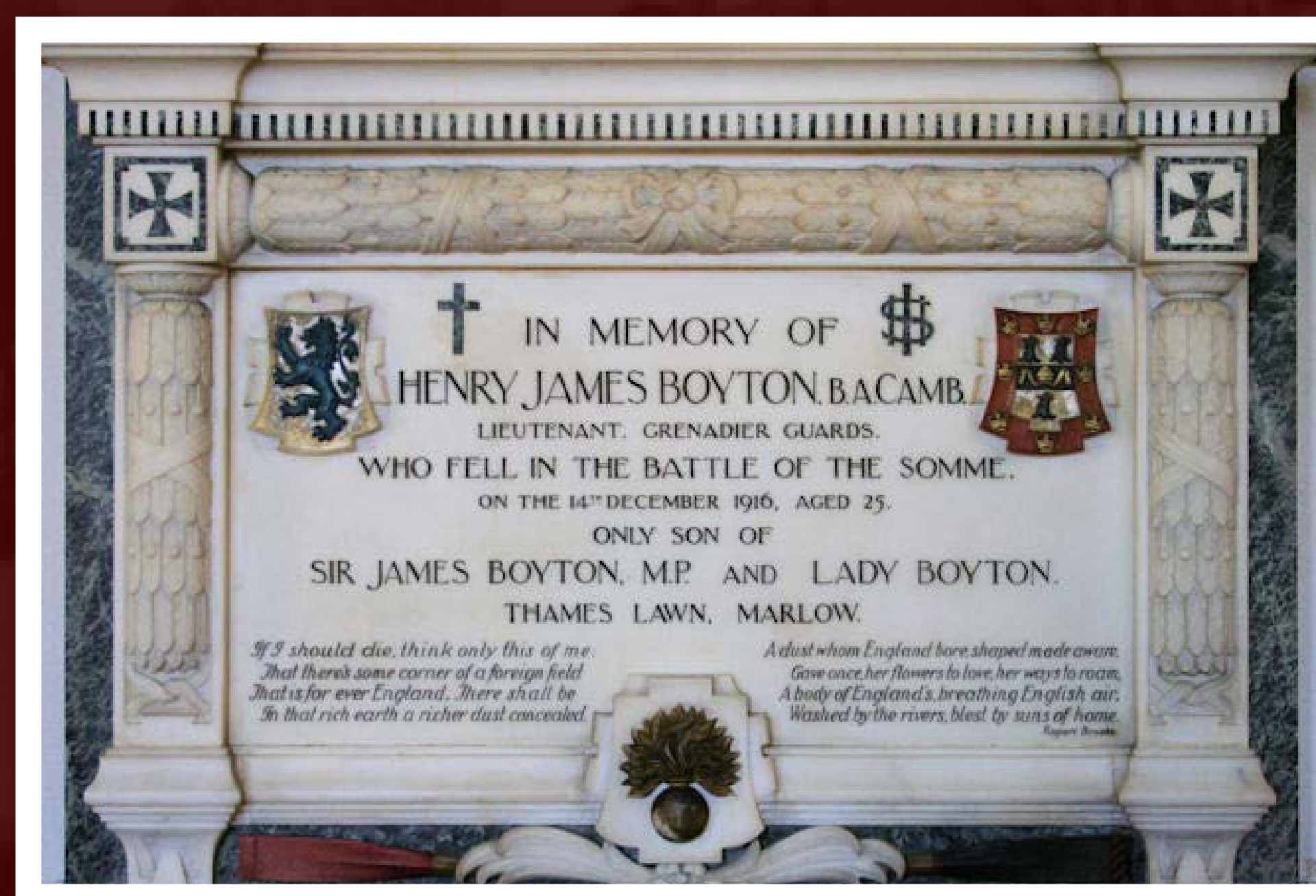
Henry continued rowing as a student at Cambridge from 1912, representing Jesus College in the Thames Cup at Henley in 1914, where they ironically defeated Marlow in the second round and finished runners-up. In the same year, he raced in Junior Sculls at Marlow Regatta where he beat E.W. Seager (Auriol) and F. La Torre (Thames) in the first round, but came second to F.E. Hellyer (London R.C.) in the semi-final. He also rowed in the Marlow eight in 1913. Henry was also a member of London Rowing Club.



Lieutenant Henry Boyton
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Combes Communal Cemetery Extension, France where Henry is buried.
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The memorial to Henry Boyton in All Saints Church, Marlow.