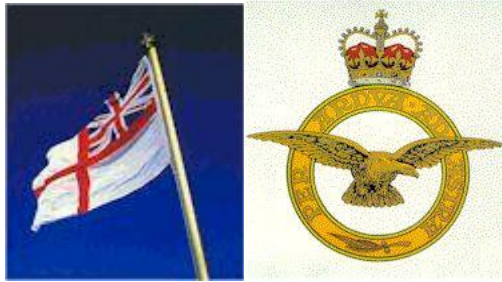


## COLTSON DSC Charles



Lieutenant Royal Air Force Seconded from Royal Navy

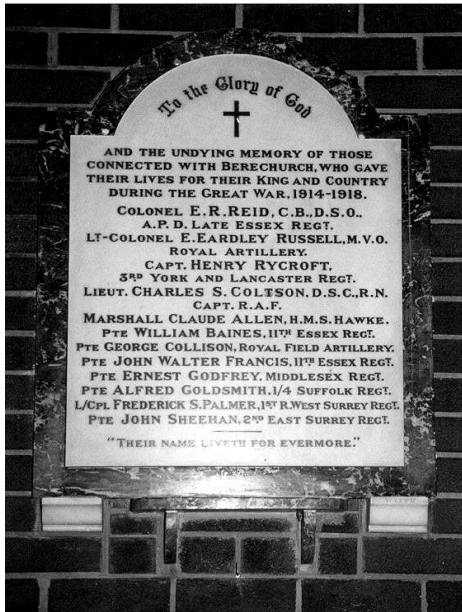
Age: 22

Died of natural causes Date of Death: 25/11/1918

Awards: D S C



Son of the late Mrs. Ellis Reid (formerly Coltson), and stepson of the late Col. Ellis Ramsay Reid, C.B., D.S.O., Accountant, Army Accounts Department, London and Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, of Blenheim, Colchester. His father had been originally the manager of the Bank of Africa at Maritzberg, South Africa. He was promoted Sub-Lieutenant from Acting Sub-Lieutenant 15 September 1916 {London Gazette 22nd September 1916}; then promoted Flight Lieutenant from Flight sub-Lieutenant RNAS 31 December 1916 {London Gazette 6th February 1917}. He was confirmed as a Lieutenant 18th March 1918 {London Gazette 22nd March 1918}. He was an airship pilot in the Royal Naval Air Service. He received a Distinguished Service Cross while serving in the Navy. During 1918 he transferred to RAF becoming an Honorary Captain the 1st April 1918. He was admitted to the Military Hospital at Devonport on the 20 November 1918 & reported to have died from influenza & pneumonia on the 25th November by Air Group Plymouth, which was his unit.



Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead Cemetery:  
BERECHURCH (ST. MICHAEL) CHURCHYARD

and Colchester Town Hall



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