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John M. Spottiswoode, of 2, Sion Hill Place, Bath, has to be added to the already long list of local military officers who have tallen in the war. Captain Spottiswoode belonged to the King's Royal Rifles, and with that regiment went through the South African war, in which he was wounded. He retired from the Army, but on the outbreak of hostilities with Germany applied for employment in his old regiment, and his services were gladly accepted. He was reported wounded and missing after a severe engagement in which the King's Royal Rifles suffered heavily, and was fighting close to a brother of Lord St. Leven, who was killed. No trace of Captain Spottiswoode has been forth-coming, and a telegram from Lord Kitchener Expressed the fear that there were no hopes of him being still alive. From the King Mrs. Spottiswoode has just received a message of sympathy. Capt. Spottiswoode, whose father was one of the principals of the large publishing firm, for long the King's printers, was 39 years of age. He was of a very scientific turn of mind. At his residence in Sion Hill Place he had set up a wireless telegraphy installation, and he also had made flights as an aviator from Christchurch, Hants. Mrs. Spottiswoode is a daughter of Dr. Gensberg, who died last year, the great collector of Bibles, who left his unique library to the British Museum. Captain Spottiswoode joined the Freemasonry craft in Bath. being admitted to the Lodge of Honour two years ago.

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