DONALD ALEXANDER FULLERTON

(1909-1942)

Word has been received of the death of Captain Donald A. Fullerton, an associate member of the Association. Captain Fullerton was born in Grand Pré, Nova Scotia, October 12, 1909. His parents, Oliver Fullerton and Jette Maude Fullerton (née Kilcup), moved to the United States in 1924, and Donald graduated from the Mission, San Francisco, California, High School with high honors and as a “major” in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. After 2 years at the New Mexico School of Mines at Socorro, he entered the University of Washington, Seattle, in September, 1935, and graduated with the B.Sc. degree in geology in 1938. He was a Graduate Teaching Fellow while pursuing graduate studies at Stanford University during 1938. In November, 1938, Fullerton joined the Standard Oil Company of California, at San Francisco, as assistant geologist, and in December went to India for the Indian Oil Concessions, Ltd. He was elected an associate member of the Association in 1939.

Fullerton’s professional career as geologist for the Indian Oil Concessions, Ltd., was terminated by his enlistment in the Duke of Wellington’s regiment in January, 1940. He was immediately assigned to the Officers Training Corps and had advanced to captaincy at the time of his death. Captain Fullerton was drowned when his boat capsized while he was engaged in military exercises around Karachi, India. No details are available about the circumstances of his death.

Captain Fullerton was married to Miss Mary Draper, of Edinburgh, and of Karachi, India, just before entering military service. He is survived by his wife and infant daughter, and his parents, all of whom reside at 304 Mill Street, Ukiah, California.

Captain Fullerton’s friends will be saddened by this news. They knew him as a pleasant companion, as a gentleman of unfailing courtesy, and as a well trained geologist of great promise in his chosen profession.

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