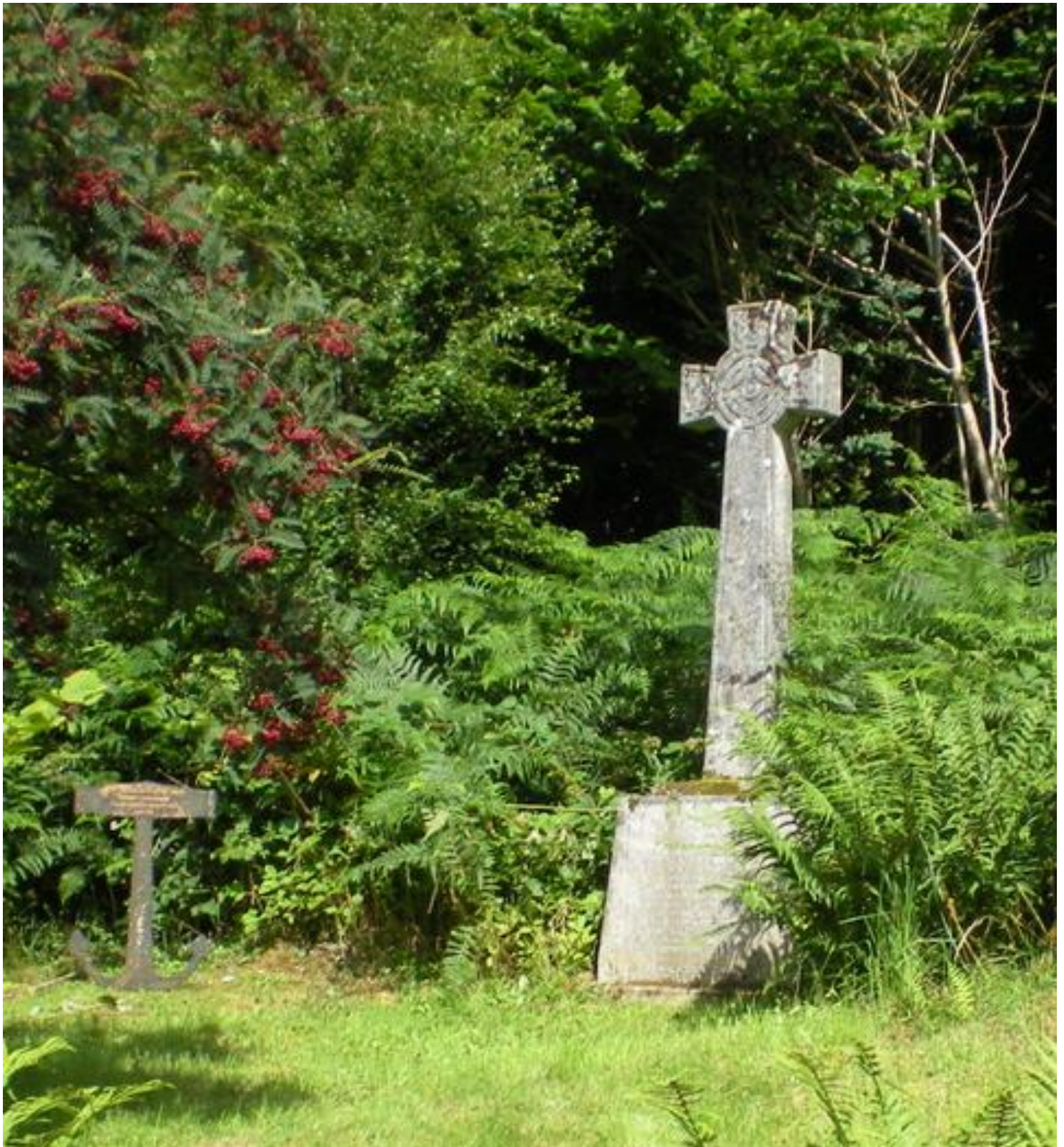


Captain Sir John Edward Fowler

3rd Baronet of Braemore

1/4th Seaforth Highlander



John Edward Fowler was born on the 21st of April 1885 at Inverbroom house on the family estate at Braemore in Lochbroom. He was the grandson of Sir John Fowler the first baronet of Braemore.



John Edward's parents were John Arthur Fowler and Alice Janet Clive Bayley who were married in 1878 in London. John Arthur Fowler had studied at Cambridge University and had unsuccessfully stood as a conservative candidate for Tewkesbury general election in 1880. He also founded the Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Company with his brother William. On the death of his father, John Arthur inherited the baronetcy, becoming the 2nd Bart. in November 1898. It was a title he was to hold for only four months, when he died in March 1899 at the age of 44. John Edward was only 14 and a student at Eton College. He later inherited the title of 3rd Baronet when he turned 21.



There are more details on Sir John Edward's life events in the 'Men of Lochbroom' and the Ross-shire Journal entries, follow the links supplied.

Sir John Edward Fowler had been home on leave in early June of 1915 and was killed only three days after his return to the front, on the 22nd June at Richebourg, Seine-Maritime, Normandy, France. The circumstances of his death were reported in the Sheffield Evening Telegraph on the 15th July 1915, as follows.

"His Colonel and he were in a dug-out, which was shelled by the enemy. They both succeeded in escaping to another dug-out, and were enjoying a cup of tea, when a high explosive shell burst on their retreat. The Colonel was buried by the debris, and when he was able to crawl out, he found Captain Fowler lying dead."

His funeral took place on the 30th June 1915, near the family home and his final wishes were carried. A guard of honour of eighty men from the 4th Seaforths, and a firing party with pipes and buglers, attended the body to the graveside. The pipers played "The Flowers of the Forest" as the cortege proceeded from the house to the intement on the hillside. Three volleys were fired by the firing party and the buglers played the "Last Post".



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Sir John had left specific instructions on where he wished to be buried which were reported in the Daily record on the 21st of July 1915. They were as follows:

"I desire to be buried in the family burial ground at Foich, but if my mother decides this is not a convenient arrangement, or that it entails undue expense, I leave her to decide where my burial shall be and direct my trustees in the event of my being buried elsewhere to place a ship's anchor weighing 2cwt or thereby in the family burial ground at Foich, and to

engrave thereon my name, date and place of burial, but no other memorial stone shall be erected.”

His will had been dated the 16th June 1915, only six days before his death.



His Uncle, the Reverend Montagu Fowler, rector of All Hallows, London wall, succeeded to the baronetcy.

Sir John Edward was one of five siblings and the eldest of two sons. His younger brother Alan Arthur Fowler, served with the Cameron Highlander and was killed at Hill 60, Flander, Belgium on the 28th April 1915. He is remembered on at Ypres on a plaque at the Menin Gate.



Alan Arthur Fowler

Both brothers are remembered in the 'Men of Lochbroom' and on the Ullapool war Memorial.

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