

LIEUTENANT GORDON PHELPS MERRIAM

Lieutenant Gordon Phelps Merriam was born July 29, 1899, at Lexington, Massachusetts, the second son of Edward Porter and Grace (Goodwin) Merriam. He attended private and public schools, and graduated from the Noble and Greenough School, Boston, in 1917.

In July, 1917, he went to France, in the Norton-Harjes Division, and drove an ambulance for five months. He returned to America, and in November of the same year served at Halifax, Nova Scotia, after the disaster, with the Boston Red Cross. He entered Dartmouth College at mid-year, January, 1918. He trained at the Officers' Training Camp, Plattsburg, New York, in the summer of that year, going from there to Camp Hancock, Georgia, for training in machine gun work. In September, 1918, he received his commission as second lieutenant.