



Victoria Jubilee School

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DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

GASSED BUT WROTE HOME.

BRAVE SAVILE TOWN SOLDIER PASSES AWAY.

Among others of the local regiment—the K.O.Y.L.I.—whom the fiendish German gas has killed is Pte. Sam Pickles, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pickles, live at 11, Waverley Street, Savile Town. He was 21 years of age, and joined up last September, going out in January this year. He wrote cheerful letters home, and even when, as afterwards proved,



Pte. Sam Pickles,
K.O.Y.L.I., Dewsbury
(died).

fatally "gassed," he wrote home—through the hand of a chaplain—the following letter, dated July 23rd, the same day that the attack took place: "Just a few lines to let you know that I am in hospital because of a gas attack from the Germans. It chiefly affects my eyes, which for the present are bandaged, and also the throat and lungs. I am receiving good treatment and every kindness and attention. I expect to go to the base if I get on all right." Unhappily with this

letter was enclosed the following from the chaplain, dated the following day, July 24th, and telling its own story: "Dear Mrs. Pickles,—I am sorry to write that your son Sam passed away at 10-30 this morning, the gas on the lungs proving fatal. Every attention was given him, and he joined with me in prayer, and his last request asked that you might have his watch and two rings." The young soldier formerly worked at Spinkwell Mills as a warper, and was a regular attender at Wellington Road Primitive Methodist Church and Sunday School, as well as a player with the Church F.C. His elder brother, Driver Harry Pickles, R.H.A., has recently gone out to Belgium. We might add that the deceased soldier was at one time a clever swimmer, and as a boy won the cup for the Jubilee School. He was a member of the Dewsbury Swimming Club for years.



FORMER CHICKENLEY SOLDIER'S DEATH

A former Chickenley Heath young man, in the person of Lance-Corpl. Vincent Scott, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, is officially reported



Lance-Corpl. V. Scott,
D.C.L.I., Chickenley
(killed).

killed in action in France on August 23rd last. He was a native of Dewsbury, and an old scholar of the Victoria Jubilee Council School. In his childhood, however, he was left without father and mother, and his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Vincent, of 452, Brooke's Buildings, Chickenley Heath, brought him up. He commenced working at Mr. Harry Randal's fruiterer's shop, then in Northgate, Dewsbury. Presently, however, he migrated to London, where, in April, 1915, he joined the Colours, and in the November following he went to France. He was wounded twice, before he sustained the injuries that resulted in his death. He was aged thirty.

WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT VICTORIA SCHOOL.

An impressive little ceremony took place at the Victoria Council School, Dewsbury, on Wednesday afternoon, when the war memorial to the "old boys" of the school, who made the supreme sacrifice in the recent war took place. Although not a large school, over 160 "old boys" answered the country's call, and of that number 28 lost their lives. The memorial to those men is an appropriate one, consisting of a scroll in a wooden frame containing the following inscription, together with the names of the fallen men: "1914-1919. They whom this Scroll commemorates were numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of sight of men by the path of Duty and Self-Sacrifice giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom." "Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten." Allen Aston, Harold Aston, Norris Batley, Lea Bedford, George Day, Fred Ellison, George Fieldhouse, Percy Giles, Frank Hargreaves, Clarence Jackson, Ernest Jackson, Charles F. Laycock, Albert Liversedge, John W. Marsden, Wilson Nicholls, Arthur Oldroyd, George G. Phillips, Sam Pickles, William Price, Leonard Rose, Vincent Scott, Henry Senior, Percy Senior, Albert Shaw, Arthur Shaw, Arthur Sowden, Arthur Tunnicliffe, Herbert Wilkinson, and Wilfred Hargreaves. There is a facsimile of the Treaty also on the scroll. Another similar frame contains the names of the old students at the school who served in the Forces and returned.

Father Mitchell presided at the unveiling ceremony, and was accompanied by Councillor J. E. Kilburn and Mr. S. G. Bibby, education secretary, while there were also present relatives and friends of the fallen and the boys of the school.