

St Saviours, Ravensthorpe

‘Their bodies are buried in peace but their name liveth for evermore’



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TWO RAVENSTHORPE "PALS" KILLED

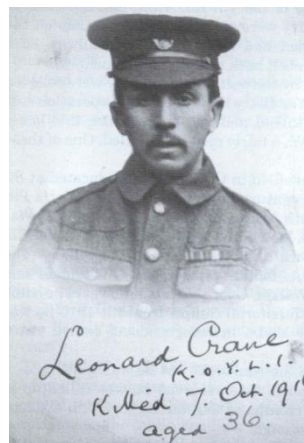
Official information was received on Tuesday of the deaths of two life-long Ravensthorpe pals, Pte. Luke Clegg Leadbeater (19), son of Mrs. Rowbottom, Huddersfield Road; and Pte. George Arthur Ledgerd (19), son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ledgerd, 549, Poplar Terrace. Both attended the Ravensthorpe United Methodist Church and Sunday School, and both were employed at Messrs. Jas. Smith and Sons, dyers and dry cleaners. Leadbeater as a glazer, and Ledgerd as a wet cleaner. The only news to hand about Ledgerd is that he was killed in action on the 21st November, in the great battle on the Cambria front. He was attached to the West Yorkshire Regiment, and had been in France nine



Pte. L. C. Leadbeater, Ravensthorpe (killed).



Pte. G. A. Ledgerd, Ravensthorpe (killed).



Leonard Crane
R.O.Y.L.C.
Killed 7. Oct 1916
aged 36.



months. He joined the Colours on the 18th October, 1916. His last letter was written on November 17th, and he stated that he was going up the lines again, and that he was an officer's servant. His father is a deputy at the Mirfield Colliery Company's Calder Road Pit.

Pte. Luke Clegg Leadbeater, joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and trained chiefly at Chelmsford. He went to France on October 11th this year. Second-Lieut. R. B. Athlison writes to Mrs. Rowbottom:—"It is with the very deepest regret that I have to inform you of the death of Pte. L. C. Leadbeater. It will be a great comfort and consolation for you to know that he suffered no pain, and that death was instantaneous. He had not been long with us, but he had shown great promise, and was always cheerful. His behaviour was all that could be desired. Please accept the very deepest sympathy of all the officers and men of the Company in your sad loss, and also my own, as platoon commander, for I admired his conduct very much. He was buried by the Church of England Chaplain, and a photograph of his grave may be had."