

# Dewsbury Post Office 8 P.O. Officials sacrificed their lives in the Great War





#### DEWSBURY POSTMAN KILLED.

ANOTHER WOUNDED.

Another Downbury postman's name has to be added to the list of the honoured dead, Mrs. William James of Springfield Street, Dewsbury, having received official intimation of the death of her husband, Rideman James, of the Srd Battafloon, King's Royal Rides, who was killed in action on February 15th, This is the third member of the Dewsbury postal staff who has given his life for his country, and the utmost sympathy of his inte colleagues at the post-office goes out to his wife and little child. Mrs. James is a Dewsbury young woman, and was only married to Rideman James four years ago. The deceased soldier was a native of Wakefield, and had served in the Arnoy nine years prior to being called up as a Reservist has August. He served in the South African War and was afterwards drafted to India, where he served seven years. He left the Colours five years ago, and had been employed at the Dewsbury post-office since that time. After being recalled to the Colours he was employed as a signalling instructor at Sheeness for some time, but expressing a desire to go to the Frent he was between a line of the Prent he was between a line of the Steiner and the was

## LOCAL POSTMAN-SOLDIER

#### Déwsbury Man's Fate in Last German Offensive

Sergeant Arthur Crossley (28), Post Office Rifles, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crossley, 543, Castleford Terrace, Leeds Read, Dewsbury, reported missing from March 25rd, 1918, is officially reported to have died on that date.

Sergt. Crossley joined the Forces in June, 1915, and went to France on Christmas Day, 1916. An old boy of Hanging Heaton C.E. Schools, and a former chorister at Hanging Heaton Church, he was a postman at Dewsbury, prior to which he was employed as a talegraph messenger. Sergt. Crossley's photo. will be given in next week's "District News."



### Arthur Crossley

371658, 8th Bn., London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) who died on 23 March 1918 Age 28

Son of Joe and Emily Crossley, of 343, Castleford Terrace, Leeds Rd., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour Pozieres Memorial





Post office, c. 1925. It was erected in 1908 on the Leeds and Wakefield Road near the Town Hall. In the 1920s, the staff numbered around 200.

# POSTMEN SOLDIERS.

Rifleman Killed, Gunner Wounded, and K.O.Y.L.I. Private Seriously III

Man Shoots a Rabbit and Cooks It in the Trench

News from the Front cays that Riffeman William James, Jrd King's Royal Riffer, was killed in action on February 15th. The deepest sympathy of his former comrades at Dewsbury Post Office goes out to his wife and child.

Gunner J. Doonan, another ex-postman, is lying in a Base Hospital in France, having been operated upon for injuries received whilst serving with the Artillery. Private J. W. Makin, K.O.Y.T.I., is suffer-

Private J. W. Makin, K.O.Y.I. I., is suffering from pneumonia, and lies in a Sheffield Hospital in a serious condition.

Three more Dewsbury postmen left on Monday to join the Post Office Rifles, viz., Messrs. Stansfield, Armitage, and H. H. Fisher.