



# Joshua Ellis and Co Ltd, Batley Carr

‘They gave their lives for their country  
in the Great War’



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

## LOCAL CRICKETER KILLED.

**Played for a Batley Carr Mill Club  
and Hanging Heaton**

Official news was received on Wednesday of the death in action of Rifleman Allen Metcalfe, King's Royal Rifle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Metcalfe, Milton Street, Batley Carr. Private Metcalfe was 21 years of age, and was killed the first time he went into the trenches. Previous to being called up under the Derby Scheme, he was employed as a warper at Messrs. Joshua Ellis and Co.'s Batley Carr Mills. He was a member of the



**Rifleman Allen Metcalfe**

Mill Cricket Club which carried off the work-people's cup last year. He also played with Hanging Heaton second team. He attended Batley Carr Parish Church.

The War Office intimation is that Private Metcalfe was killed in action "between October 3rd and 10th," but a letter received on Monday from a comrade definitely states that he fell on the 5th. It reads:-

"It is with the deepest regret I have to tell you that your son Allen was killed in action on October 5th. I promised him, if anything happened, to write and let you know. He was a true friend, and you have my deepest sympathy in your great loss."



## LOCAL WAR CASUALTIES

### Killed by Shell Fire While Sleeping

Signaller Joseph Colbeck (19), R.G.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Colbeck, 26, Hartley Street, Dewsbury, made the supreme sacrifice in France on October 9th. "A shell landed in a shelter where he and five of his comrades were sleeping," writes a Chaplain. "He died on the way to the dressing station, without having recovered consciousness. Three others were also killed and two wounded. Your son will be greatly missed in the battery, for he had earned the respect of all by reason of his sterling worth and devotion to duty."

A native of Soothill, Batley, and an old boy of Carlton Road Council School, Signaller Colbeck became attached to the Batley Carr Spiritualist Church and Lyceum. Later he joined the Spiritualist Church at Bond Street, Dewsbury, with which his parents have been prominently associated for years. Up to the end of 1917 he worked in the finishing department at Messrs. Joshua Ellis and Co.'s Mill, Savile Town. He was a member of Batley Carr Working Men's Club. Signaller Colbeck landed in France on July 5th and joined his battery on August 26th. Mr. Joseph Colbeck, who is suffering from paralysis, was for 30 years in the employ of Messrs. Alfred Hill and Sons, oil extractors, Batley Carr.

## BATLEY CARR PARENTS' GRIEF.

Last Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cole, Hirst Yard, Beckett Road, Batley Carr, received a sad message from the War Office, announcing the death of their son, Driver Albert Cole, Motor Transport, who has been at Salonica since August, 1916. He joined the Army on May 1st, 1916, and a few weeks afterwards had ten days' leave, since when his parents have not seen him. He was a Batley Carr lad, aged 24, an old boy of the Church School and an employe of Messrs. Joshua Ellis and Co., Ltd. Up to the last few weeks, when he was attached to the



Pte. A. Cole,  
Motor Transport, Batley  
Carr (died).

French troops he worked with the Serbian Army. His last letter, dated October 7th, was addressed to his sweetheart, Miss Eva Halmshaw, Peel Street, Dewsbury.

