



St Peters Church, Earlsheaton

‘The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and there shall no torment touch them’



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES



Earlsheaton Guardsman Killed in the Great Advance.

Pte. Irving Smith (28), Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Mrs. Smith, 114, Taylor's Yard, Earlsheaton, was killed in action on Sept. 27th. A chaplain, sending the sad news, says:—"His battalion was taking part in an attack, and he was killed instantaneously. I buried him in a cemetery on the battlefield, together with a number of officers and men who were killed at the same time."

Pte. Smith joined the Forces on Sept. 26th, 1916, went to France in March, 1917, and was wounded the following June, 24 pieces of shrapnel entering his back and legs. He recovered from these severe wounds, however, and returned to the firing line last March. He was an old boy of Earlsheaton Council and Highfield Congregational Church School's, a member of Earlsheaton Central Working Men's Club, and formerly employed as a willer at the Spinkwell Mills of Messrs. M. Oldroyd and Sons.

Earlsheaton Wesleyan Dies of Wounds.

Sympathy will be felt with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawton, 5 Syke Terrace, Earlsheaton, who were officially informed on Monday that their fifth son, Private Percy Lawton (19), Norfolk, had died from wounds received in action on September 29th. It was known that he went up the line on September 17th, and a Huddersfield soldier says he was wounded in three places. Private Lawton was a well-known and respected Earlsheaton young man.

He was a teacher at Chickensley Wesleyan Sunday School, and also took a great interest in the work of the church, assisting in all efforts to raise funds. He joined the Forces on July 26th, 1917, and went to France last June. He was an old boy of Earlsheaton Council School, an employee at Messrs. M. Oldroyd and Sons' Spinkwell Mills, and engaged to Miss Edith Parkin, of Syke Terrace.

