



Warwick Road Council School


‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember them’



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

**A BATLEY CARR D.C.M. KILLED.
A BROTHER'S PAINFUL INTELLIGENCE.
FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT.**

It is our painful duty to record the death of Sergt. A. E. Marshall, R.F.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marshall, of 34, Pyrah Street, Carlton Road, Dewsbury. He was a Batley Carr lad, like his father and his grandfather. On two or three previous occasions it has been our pleasure to publish particulars of Sergt. Marshall's soldiering in France. Just twelve months ago we gave his portrait and congratulated him on winning the D.C.M. by conspicuous gallantry on the battlefield. At that time Major E. W. Pickering wrote: "I hope you may have the good fortune to keep a whole skin, and that your parents may have an opportunity of seeing you in the near future." That hope was fulfilled on April 21st this year, when he obtained leave, and he came home and spent a very happy ten days visiting his friends. He was especially heartily welcomed by the churchpeople of Batley Carr. Not only did he attend Divine service, but he also mixed with his old chums at a social function in the schoolroom. Up to that time he had been remarkably lucky, not having sustained so much as a scratch or suffered a day's sickness. He gave us a brief account of his experiences in France, although he was far too modest to boast of any personal achievement. Sergt. Marshall joined the Heckmondwike Battery in April, 1913, and in April, 1915, he landed in France. From the rank of driver he rose to that of bombardier, then to corporal, and in April, 1916, he received his sergeant's stripes. His consistent devotion to duty and his painstaking work and general smartness and intelligence gained him his successive promotions. He was enveloped by the German gas attack in December, 1915, and from June to September, 1916, he was on the Somme.




Sergt. Marshall, D.C.M., Dewsbury (killed).



WELL-KNOWN BATLEY CARR SOLDIER FALLS,

MEMBER OF THE DEWSBURY CLUB.

Another brave Batley Carr lad has fallen in France. We refer to Pte. Abraham Hirst (29), son of the late Mr. Frank Hirst, plumber and painter, Upper Road, Batley Carr. He joined the Seaforth Highlanders last November, and went to France in March. On September 2nd last his father died, but Pte. Hirst was unable to obtain leave to attend the funeral. He came, however, a week later, and spent several days with his mother, brothers and sisters, before he returned to his military duties. The letter, giving the information as to his death, is from Capt. Claude H. Nevin, of the 4th Seaforth Highlanders, and says: "It is my painful duty to inform you that your son, 4,625, Pte. Hirst, was killed in action on the night of the 17th November. He suffered no pain at all, his death being instantaneous. His loss is felt greatly by all his comrades, as not only was he loved in the ranks, but he had proved himself to be a keen and efficient soldier. It seems so hard that one who has helped to win such a glorious victory over the enemy could not live to share the laurels we have won." Pte. Hirst attended the Warwick Road Council School, and the Batley Carr Church Sunday school. He was a man of fine physique, and a member of the Dewsbury Club and Institute.



Pte. Abraham Hirst Seaforth Highlanders. Batley Carr (killed).