



Westborough United Methodist Church

'In memory of members of this church
who gave their lives'



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

ANOTHER PROMISING YOUNG MAN KILLED.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AT WEST-
BOROUGH.

The United Methodist Church, Westborough, is just now being hard hit by the war. A memorial service has been arranged for Pte. Stables for to-morrow (Sunday) night at the church named. Since that arrangement was made another very prominent young church and Sunday school worker at Westborough has been reported killed. We refer to Pte. Smith Summerscales, of Leatham Street, Westborough, who since January 5th last has been fighting with the Highland Light Brigade in France. On Thursday forenoon Mrs. Summerscales received a letter

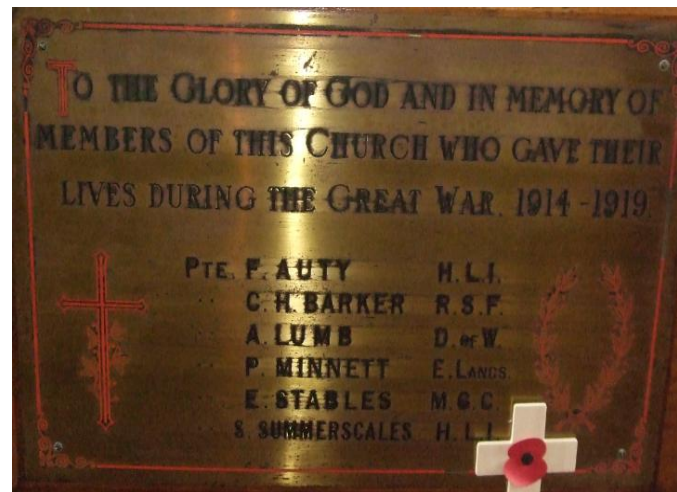


Pte. S. Summerscales,
Highland Light Infantry,
Dewsbury (killed).

from a second lieutenant regretfully informing her that her husband was killed in action 'on May 31st. "He was killed by shell fire," said the lieutenant, and we have lost a good soldier, and one beloved by his fellows. My deepest sympathy goes out to you in your deep sorrow."

The last letter received from Pte. Summerscales by his wife could only have been written a few hours before his death, for it is dated May 31st. In it he mentions church and Sunday school matters as well as domestic affairs. He says: "I have got a letter and a copy of the anniversary hymns from Mr. Fox (the Rev. F. Fox). I have lost a lot of my pals who have been wounded or are missing this week. Me and my pal were lying in the front-line trenches nearly twenty hours behind the machine gun. It was terrible. Shells were dropping all over, but, you know, we were merry and bright. I have seen such sights this week as I have never seen before."

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Summerscales, of Leatham Street, and he joined the Forces on May 26th, 1916. He was a piecer for Messrs. G. and J. Stubley, Batley, and was only 24 years of age. Born at Beckett Nook, he attended the Dewsbury Moor Council School, and he was a scholar and teacher at the Westborough United Methodist Church and a member of the church. At one time he had aspirations for the local preachers' plan, but they were frustrated on account of overwork and other matters. His brother-in-law, Pte. J. W. Lee, of Back Leatham Street, is in the A.S.C.



ANOTHER MEMBER OF WESTBORO' U.M. CHURCH KILLED.

A fortnight ago last Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. John Lumb, 9, Back Leatham Street, Westboro', received a letter from a comrade of their son, Pte. Arnold Lumb, to the effect that he had been killed.



Pte. Arnold Lumb,
Duke of Wellington's,
Dewsbury (killed).

On Thursday last week their fears that the worst had happened to their boy were increased by the receipt of a communication from the Captain of the Regiment to which he was attached, and on Sunday the official notification of his death came to hand. Pte. Lumb, who was only twenty on the 6th October, and who laid down his life for his country five days later, was in the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. On the 1st June, 1917, he donned khaki, and on Whit-Monday he sailed for France. On October 4th he was seen and talked to in France by the Rev. J. S. Hainstock, who has just returned from his second Y.M.C.A. period of work. The rev. gentleman has also been to Westboro' to condole with Mr. and Mrs. Lumb in the loss of their son. He was a scholar of the Dewsbury Moor Council School, and of the Westboro' U.M. Sunday School, and a member of the Church. He worked at Messrs. G. H. Hirst and Co's. Alexandra Mills, Batley, and was engaged to Miss Ethel Wilkinson, of Brunswick Street, Westboro'. His brother, Norman Lumb, is in France.