




Ravensthorpe Primitive Methodist Church



'Let their sacrifice ever remind us of our duty'

**RAVENSTHORPE SIGNALLER
DIES OF WOUNDS,**

On Saturday last, Mrs. Boothroyd, of 107, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, received information from the War Office authorities at York that her youngest son, Signaller Percy Boothroyd, of the West Yorkshire Regiment, had died in France from wounds received in action. Deceased, who was 27 years of age, joined the regiment at Doncaster, where he was employed as a salesman at the Central Stores of the Co-operative Society. He sailed for France on his birthday anniversary (October 16th), and on the 29th November he sent a field postcard to say they were having a three-days' march to the fighting line and that he would be in a dug-out by the time the card reached his mother. The next card stated that he was wounded, but going on nicely, and on Thursday last week another was received to the same effect. The matron in charge of the 12th General Hospital, Rouen, wrote that Signaller Boothroyd passed away at 2-30 on Thursday afternoon, that he had had a severe attack of hemorrhage and died quite suddenly, and that he did not know he was so ill. He would be buried with military honours on the Friday afternoon. Deceased was well known in Ravensthorpe district. He attended St. Saviour's Day Schools, then became errand boy for Mrs. Townsend, grocer, leaving there for the Lion Stores. Then he went to the Ravensthorpe Co-operative Society, and finally to the Doncaster Stores. His brother was for many years conductor and organist of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, and his sister is the wife of Mr. Steel, sanitary inspector, who is now serving with the Forces in Egypt as a sanitary officer.



*Percy Boothroyd
West Yorks
Died of Wounds, 16 1916
Dec 7
aged 27.*

Signaller Percy Boothroyd,
Ravensthorpe (died of
wounds).



These are the 4 casualties named on the church memorial. There are also 38 men named as served.



*Pte Herbert Gamble
1/5 K.O.S. L.I.
Killed Feb 26. 1917.
aged 20.*




*Pte J. Ellis
Killed Oct 26. 1917.*

**RAVENSTHORPE SOLDIER,
KILLED BY A GERMAN SNIPER.**

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, 79, Garden Street, Ravensthorpe, on Tuesday received a letter from Corpl. F. Johnson, York and Lancaster Regiment, France, dated the 30th March, conveying the sad news that their son, Pte. John Ellis, of the same regiment, had died from a bad wound received early on the morning of the 29th. He was on patrol duty and was shot through the jaws by a German sniper. He did not live long after, dying whilst Corpl. Johnson and others were carrying him away. Deceased was buried on the 30th in a pretty little British cemetery, the service being conducted by the chaplain. Corpl. Johnson and the deceased's comrades sent their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis in their dark hour of distress; and added that Pte. Ellis was a good lad. They were going to get a wreath to put on his grave as a token of their respect for him.

Pte. Ellis was employed by Messrs. Hartley Bros, Ltd., curriers, Ravensthorpe, as a strap maker. He would have been 25 years of age on the 28th inst. He went to the firm when 15, and served his apprenticeship. He was an active member of the Primitive Methodist church and Sunday school, being a teacher, member of the Christian Endeavour Society and on the committee of the Band of Hope. He joined up on the 25th October, 1915, and went to the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons. In Christmas week last he left for France, and was drafted to the York and Lancaster Regiment.



*John Ellis
York & Lancs Regt.
Killed 29. Mar. 1916
aged 24.*

Pte. J. Ellis, Y. and L.,
Ravensthorpe (killed).