

## Ravensthorpe United Methodist Church

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## RAVENSTHORPE WAR MEMORIAL. UNITED METHODISTS' FINE RECORD

## ARMY CHAPLAIN'S STRIKING SPEECH.

The members of the Ravensthorpe United Methodist Church Sunday School have sub-scribed £32 for a memorial desk to commemorate those members who took part in the war. To celebrate the unveiling of the desk, on Saturday there was a tea to which all the soldiers and sailors attached to the church and schools were invited, and there was a large attendance of their parents, friends and others. After tea a Interform and Scherk. After text in meeting was held presided over by the Rev. F. W. H. Guttridge (Mirfield), who was supported on the platform by the Revs F. H. Chambers (Dewsbury), F. Fox (Westborough), Councillor F. Newsone, Messrs, A. Algate, W. H. Wood and Band Wird, Westra, A. Algate, W. H. Wood and Fred Wood.

The Rev. F. H. Chambers unveiled the desk, which was covered with black cloth, on which was surmounted the Union Jack. The desk is of solid oak, polished, and has been made by Messre, J. and J. Kershaw, cabinet-makers, Ravensthorpe. On it is a brass plate with the words, "Greater love hat no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends."-St. John, ch xv. v. 13. The roll of honour filled the large brass plates and was as follows :-Killed in action; P. Bennett, W. Bennett, F. Cardwell, A. Dent, H. R. Greenwood, J. Harris, H. Harris, G. A. Hammond, G. A. Ledgard, L. Leabeater and H. Scott.





An "official" from the War Office announced on Saturday that Pte. Joseph Harris, (23), East Yorks. Regt., had been killed in action in France on September 4th. Pte. Harris was a native of Worcestershire, but his

parents, Mr. and Mrs.

migrated to Ravens-

thorpe 18 years ago, and they have been settled there since, and

are now living in Com-

mercial Street. Prior

to the outbreak of war

Pte. Harris worked at

the Ings Pit, Thorn-

hill. He, however, came

out of the pit, and went

to Messrs. F. Doble and

Co.'s warehouse, which

he left on donning

Harris,

Joseph



Pte. Joseph Harris, (killed).

West Yorks.

Nov". 1917.

khaki in January, 1916. His military career was not one of the luckiest. East Yorks., Ravensthorpe and he longed for peace and a safe return home.

In July, 1916, he came to England with shrappel in his back. In November, 1917, he was afflicted with trench feet, and he had only been back in France about ten weeks when he fell. His married brother, Pte. Harry Harris, died in Mesopotamia from the effects of heat some time ago.

## BROTHERS-IN-LAW GIVE THEIR LIVES.

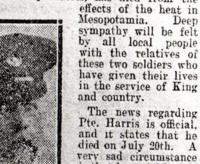
ONE KILLED; ANOTHER DIES IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Mrs. Abbott and her family, of Baines Street, Dark Lane, Batley, have suffered heavily through the war. In November a son, Pte. Willie Abbott, who was in the Territorials, was killed by a German sniper, and now Mrs. Ab-bott's daughter has received news that her husband, Pte. Harry Harris, has died from the



Pte. H. Harris, East Lancs., Ravensthorpe and Batley (died from INnes").

East Lancashire Regiment. His brother, Pte. Joseph Harris, of the Yorkshire Regiment, has been wounded in the recent heavy fighting, as previously reported in our columns. Pte. Harris, before joining the Army, worked for Messrs. R. Swire and Sons, of Ravensthorpe. He was 24 years of age, and formerly played with the Rav-ensthorpe Albion football team.



Mesopotamia. Deep sympathy will be felt by all local people with the relatives of these two soldiers who have given their lives in the service of King and country. The news regarding

Pte. Harris is official. and it states that he died on July 20th. A very sad circumstance is that he and his wife were only married in December. The late soldier is the eldest son of Mrs. Harris, of Ravens Street, Ravensthorpe. He enlisted in the K.O.Y.L.I. in July. 1915, but later was transferred into the