



Ravensthorpe United Methodist Church

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DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

RAVENSTHORPE WAR MEMORIAL. UNITED METHODISTS' FINE RECORD

ARMY CHAPLAIN'S STRIKING SPEECH.
The members of the Ravensthorpe United Methodist Church Sunday School have subscribed £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 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. Newsome, Messrs. 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 Messrs. 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. Ledgerd, L. Leadbeater and H. Scott.



*Fred Cardwell
K.O.Y.L.I.
Killed July 20, 1916
aged 21*



*Pte Luke Clegg
Leadbeater
1/5 D.O.F.W.
Killed Nov. 22, 1917*



*GEORGE A. LEDGARD.
2/5 West Yorks.
Killed 21 Nov. 1917
aged 19*

RAVENSTHORPE FAMILY'S SECOND LOSS.

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. Joseph Harris, migrated to Ravensthorpe 18 years ago, and they have been settled there since, and are now living in Commercial Street. Prior to the outbreak of war Pte. Harris worked at the Ings Pit, Thornhill. He, however, came out of the pit, and went to Messrs. F. Doble and Co.'s warehouse, which he left on donning khaki in January, 1916.

His military career was not one of the luckiest, and he longed for peace and a safe return home. In July, 1916, he came to England with shrapnel 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. Abbott'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 INces).*

effects of the heat in 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

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 Ravensthorpe Albion football team.