



Dewsbury Moor Primitive Methodist (Zion) Chapel



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

'In grateful memory of the men connected with this church'

**CREEDS THAT DRIVE THOUGHTFUL
PEOPLE AWAY.**

**REV. D. TAIT PATTERSON'S PLAIN
WORDS.**

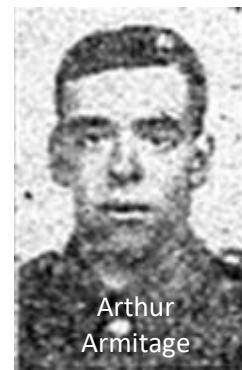
A memorial tablet for the men from Dewsbury Moor Primitive Methodist Church who served during the war was unveiled on Saturday afternoon by Lieut.-Col. the Rev. D. Tait Patterson, R.A.C.O. The Rev. N. Brown conducted the service which included the singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past," and a solo was rendered by Mrs. Kitchingman. The inscription on the tablet was as follows: "1914-19. This tablet was erected to the glory of God for His divine aid and in grateful memory of the men connected with this church and school who fell in the great European war, and also in appreciation of the services and sacrifices of those who gave themselves for the great cause of freedom and right. Greater love hath no man than this."



John William
Paver

**Missing Dewsbury Moor Guardsman Now
Presumed to be Dead.**

Pte. John Wm. Paver (20), Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paver, 11, Moor End Lane, Dewsbury Moor, missing from April 13th, is now officially reported to have been killed on that date. A native of Pontefract, he joined the Forces in October, 1916, and went to France a year later with the Household Battalion. Private Paver was employed at the C.W.S. boot works, Heckmondwike, and regularly attended Dewsbury Moor Primitive Methodist Sunday School.



Arthur
Armitage

DEWSBURY MOOR PAINTER KILLED.

Information has come to hand of the death in action of Pte. John William Ruddlesden (35), K.O.Y.L.I., whose home was at 6, Brewerton Lane, Dewsbury Moor, and who was in business as a painter and decorator at Westborough. The notification of the death was received in a chaplain's letter to his wife, which stated that the deceased was killed instantaneously by a machine-gun bullet on April 13th. Pte. Ruddlesden was at one time a scholar at the Primitive Methodist Sunday School, Dewsbury Moor, and also a worshipper there, his family having been connected with the cause for a great number of years. He was also a member of the Moor End Working Men's Club. Joining the Army in August, 1916, the deceased soldier had seen a great deal of active service, having fought at the Somme, Arras, Ypres, and other places. Pte. Ruddlesden leaves a wife, who is living with her parents at 61, High Street, Thornhill Edes.

We have found six men with a connection to this church – John William Paver, John William Ruddlesden, Fletcher Smithson, Harry Smith, Arthur Armitage and Albert Henry Armitage.

TWICE WOUNDED AND THEN KILLED.

The sad news reached Mrs. Smithson, widow, 43, Smith's Buildings, Dewsbury Moor, on Friday, of the death of her son, Lance-Corpl. Fletcher Smithson, a Lewis gunner, West Yorks. Regiment, who was killed in action on July 26th. He joined the Colours on February 19th, 1917, and he was last home on leave at the end of April, when his father passed away. On May 10th, 1917, he embarked for France. On March 26th last he was gassed and wounded, and after a few weeks in hospital he was again sent up the line, and on June 9th wounded a second time, on this occasion



Lance-Corpl. F. Smithson,
W.Y., Dewsbury Moor
(killed).

in the right shoulder. Having been pronounced fit again he returned to the fight, and met his death on July 26th. He was an old boy of the Dewsbury Moor Council School, a scholar of the Dewsbury Moor Primitive Methodist Sunday School, and a fiddler at Messrs. William Crabtree and Sons, Dewsbury Moor. Only 29 years of age, he was highly respected.