

# Ravensthorpe Working Men's Club

'In remembrance of the members of this club'



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

## RAVENSTHORPE SOLDIER WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Mrs. Hemingway, 19, Field Street, Ravensthorpe, would be thankful to receive any news concerning her husband, Pte. Harry Hemingway, 15th Lancashire Fusiliers, who was reported wounded and missing in France or Belgium on the 30th September



In response to her letter, the Red Cross Society and the War Office state that he was wounded and ill at a place not stated on the above date, and later that he was "wounded and missing." Pte. Hemingway is 33 years of age, and was a hydraulic presser in the warehouse of Messrs. Wormalds and Walker, Dewsbury Mills. He is a son of Mr. John Moore Hemingway, 3, Upper Mills, Stennard Lane, Dewsbury. He

was a member of the Ravensthorpe Conservative Club, and formerly attended Thornhill Lees Church School. He was called up last May, and joined the East Yorks. at Hornsea. He went to France on September 12th, and his last letter to his wife was written on September 25th, when he stated they were going to the Front. Eighteen letters she sent him have been returned.



## GASSED IN BELGIUM.

Official news from the War Office has reached Mrs. Brierley, Commercial Street, Ravensthorpe, of the death of her husband, Lance-Corpl. Sam Brierley, of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brierley, of Albion Street, Ravensthorpe. He came from Delph to Ravensthorpe six or seven years ago to work at Messrs. Armitage and Rhodes', Calder Vale Mills, as a weaver, and he is 26 years of age. The "official" says he was killed in action in July. Lance-Corpl. Brierley was a volunteer for the Army so long ago as September 4th, 1911, and until September, 1916, he was stationed in Ireland. Then he went to France. He was a clarinet player, and a member of the Ravensthorpe Working Men's Club. He leaves a widow and three children, the eldest of whom is aged five years.



Lance-Corpl. Sam Brierley, Royal Munster Fusiliers, Ravensthorpe (killed).

## MIRFIELD GAS COMPANY STOKER KILLED.

AT THE BATTLE OF LOOS.

Pte. 10,088 Philip Benjamin Chapman, 9th North Norfolk Regiment, 12th Platoon, 14th Section, "C" Company, 33 years of age, employed for the past four years as a stoker at the Mirfield Gas Company's works, Ravensthorpe, and a well-known member of the Working Men's Club and Institute, Poplar Road, was killed in the battle of Loos, France, on Sunday, the 26th September. He joined his regiment on the 7th September, 1914. He was a native of Norwich, and belongs to a family of soldiers. His father, Mr. William T. Chapman, and mother reside at Middle Street, Norwich. Mr. Chapman, sen., has a service record of 21 years, and belonged to the 54th Foot. Two of deceased's brothers are fighting in France, namely Tom Chapman, a Reservist, who joined the Royal Horse Artillery on the 24th November, 1914, and James H. Chapman, formerly with the R.G.A., who joined the Royal Field Artillery last March. Before joining he was in the employ of the Yorkshire Electric Power Company, at their Thornhill Station. Another brother, Albert Chapman, not yet 19, when the war broke out joined the 3rd Norfolk Regiment, and is still in England. Yet another brother, William George Chapman, 9, Havelock Street, Ravensthorpe, also a stoker at the gas-works, has served seven years with the Colours in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and seven years as a Reservist. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, sen., have received the following letter:—"British Expeditionary Force, 2nd October, 1915.—Dear Sir,—As the only officer left in "C" Company, I feel it my duty to write and tell you the sad news about Pte. P. Chapman. I regret to have to inform you that he was killed in action on Sunday, September 26th. May I offer you my sincerest sympathy in your sorrow, and express the hope that it may be some comfort for you to know that he died fighting bravely, and doing his duty for his country. You will receive official intimation in due course. If there is any other information you would like to have please don't hesitate to write to me.—Yeours truly, M. J. Spurrell, Lieut." In his last letter home to his parents, Pte. Chapman said he had not come across his brothers, Jim and Tom. He asked for some "fags" and papers; and concluded: "Never mind, I shall see you before long. Write and let me know how the boys are going on. That is all this time."