

Ravensthorpe Central Working Men's Liberal Club



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

RAVENSTHORPE.

Mrs. T. Brooke presided over the Sisterhood meeting on Monday evening. Mrs. Hopkins, of Dewsbury, gave a splendid address, and Miss Turner was the accompanist.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—At the Central Working Men's Liberal Club, last week-end, Mr. Henry Rhodes, in the absence of Mr. Balme, president, unveiled a handsomely-framed roll of honour in the concert room. The roll contains the names of the following members who have given their lives for their country:—Gnr. H. Campbell, R.G.A., Pte. L. Crane, K.O.Y.L.I., Pte. C. Crabtree, K.O.Y.L.I., Gnr. J. Gledhill, R.F.A., Pte. F. Mellor, 12th Lines, Deck-Hand H. M'Donald, R.N.R., Pte. E. Ledgard, M.G.C., Lance-Corpl. F. Smith, 9th K.O.Y.L.I., Gnr. William Sheard, Tank Corps, Pte. J. Thompson, K.O.S.B., and Pte. G. Boothroyd, Connaught Rangers; the names of two members who received honours and were mentioned in dispatches—Sergt. James Bowker, 1st Fourth K.O.Y.L.I., and Gnr. W. Sheard, Tank Corps—also the names of 82 members who have served in various Forces of the Army and Navy.



Gunner Ernest Ledgard, R.F.A., Dewsbury (killed).

RAVENSTHORPE SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION.

Mrs. Gledhill, 39, Clarkson Street, Ravensthorpe, received a letter, dated the 12th inst., from the Infantry Records Office, Preston, informing her that her husband, Pte. John Gledhill, of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, was killed in action in France between the 26th and 29th September. Pte. Gledhill, who was 35 years of age, on leaving school went as an apprentice to Messrs. Newsoms Bros', Victoria Piano Works, and had worked there about 22 years. He was an action fitter. He joined the R.F.A. on August 1st, 1916, and trained at Ripon and Whitechurch, but was afterwards transferred to the Lancaster Regiment. He went to France on the 6th January last, having been home for furl leave at Christmas. He was formerly a member of the Church Institute and of the Liberal Club. He was also a playing member of the Ravensthorpe Clarence Football Club, and played with the second team of the Mirfield Cricket Club.



Pte. J. Gledhill, K.O.R. Lancashires, Ravensthorpe (killed).

RAVENSTHORPE SOLDIER DIES IN HOSPITAL.

News was received in Ravensthorpe on Wednesday morning that Pte. Charles Crabtree, of North Road, had died in hospital after a short illness. Deceased, who was very well-known throughout the district, was forty years of age last May. He was the second son of the late Mr. Jos. Crabtree. Pte. Crabtree as a boy attended Dewsbury Parish Church Sunday and Day Schools, and went from the latter to the office of Messrs. Chadwick and Sons, solicitors, where he served as a clerk for 28 years. Four months ago he received his calling-up papers, and joined the K.O.Y.L.I. at Pontefract, where he was drafted to Fulford and York, and finally to Newcastle-on-Tyne. There he had been employed at headquarters in the clerical department, and being an expert typewriter, his services have been greatly appreciated. A fortnight ago he was seized with illness at his billet, and later was removed to the fever hospital, suffering from enteric. He rapidly grew worse, and died a week after admission. The deceased was highly respected, and the flags at the Conservative and Liberal Clubs have been placed at half-mast. There will be a military funeral at Dewsbury Cemetery to-day.



Pte. C. Crabtree, K.O.Y.L.I., Ravensthorpe, (died).



Harry MacDonald



RAVENSTHORPE SOLDIER KILLED IN PALESTINE.

This week Mrs. Thompson, 35, Bradbury Street, has received letters stating that her husband, Pte. Isaac Thompson (31), K.O.S.B., has been killed in Palestine. He was formerly employed as a scavenger by the Dewsbury Corporation, and enlisted in the K.O.S.B. on the 8th May, 1915. After 11 weeks' training he went to the Dardanelles, and took part in the fighting. On the evacuation of Gallipoli he went to Egypt and then to France, where in the battle of the Somme (1916) he sustained a gun-shot wound in the left leg. He was in hospital at Torquay. He, on becoming convalescent, had ten days' leave home. Then he went to Edinburgh for training. He returned to Egypt in February this year and joined the Palestine forces. He was wounded twice, and had also been in hospital for septic poisoning. His mate, Pte. Joseph Shore, K.O.S.B., writing November 18th, to Mrs. Thompson, said her husband's death occurred on the 13th November.



Pte. Isaac Thompson, K.O.S.B., Ravensthorpe (killed).



Fred Smith
1890 - 1915

The other men listed on this memorial are Leonard Crane, Fred Mellor and two men not included on the St Saviours War Memorial George Boothroyd and William Sheard. This memorial is missing.