

Pte. Arthur Darrington



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Stoneyford has experienced its second loss during the war by the death of Pte Arthur Darrington, who is officially reported as having died on October 17th from wounds received in action.

The sad information first reached the bereaved parents in a letter dated the 17th from the Church of England Chaplain, who said;

"It is with great sympathy that I have to write to tell you your son, Arthur, of the Essex regiment, died of wounds this afternoon. When we lay him to rest our prayers will be much with you in your sad bereavement. May God help you in this great sorrow".

Pte Darrington was a month off reaching his 20th birthday, and only joined the Colours in June last, leaving his employment at Pollington Colliery for this purpose. He had only been in France a month.

The deceased was an enthusiastic sportsman, and was one of the most promising young cricketers in the district. His services for Stoneyford Club, both as secretary and bowler, during the past season in the Derbyshire Alliance being in no small measure responsible for their exalted position in the table. He was admired and respected throughout a wide district, and his death came as a great shock. Amongst the numerous messages of sympathy received is one from the Derbyshire Cricket Alliance.

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