

**Corpl. Thomas Riley**



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LOSCOE GRANGE CORPORAL KILLED  
CORPLT. RILEY  
LOSCOE GRANGE  
SHERWOOD FORESTERS**

The sad news was received officially on Monday by Mr W. and Mrs Riley, of Loscoe Grange, of the death in action of their only son, Corpl T Riley, (Sherwood Foresters) out in France. Prior to that the news had been conveyed in the following letters from a chum and also the captain of Riley's company:

B.E.F. 10/10/17

Dear Mr and Mrs Riley, No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me, but I consider it my duty to write you to convey the sad news of your son, whom I am very sorry to say was killed by my side on Thursday last, the 4th of October. His death was almost instantaneous. He did not suffer much pain. He was hit through the legs and lungs. He said "oh! Frank I am hit" and fell. I picked him up and put him in a shell-hole. He never spoke again and passed away. I feel his loss as much as if he were a brother, as we have been such good pals since we knew each other, and I can assure you his loss is greatly felt in the company as he was so well respected by everybody. I have his pocket wallet, which I will send later to you. All the boys in the platoon send their deepest sympathy to you in your great sorrow. I remain, yours sincerely,

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F.C. Hill.

Dear Mrs Riley, I wish to express my sincerest sympathy with you in the loss of your son, Corpl T Riley, of my company. He was killed on the 4th, when advancing against the German Lines. He was a splendid fellow in every way, and I am sure the best son a mother could have. Be sure we are all most truly sorry for you. He died such a death, as I would choose for myself falling gloriously in the hour of victory. Believe me, yours very sincerely.

J. Critchlow, Capt.

Corpl Riley enlisted in the Sherwood on June 29th 1915, prior to which he carried on the business of Newsagent and Confectioner. He soon gained his first stripe in training. He came home on leave last Christmas, and was drafted to France in the following month, and whilst there received his further promotion. The greatest sympathy is felt for the family, who had all, especially deceased's sister, made a determined and successful effort to keep the business going until Riley's return. The family desire to express their kind thanks to all friends in their great loss.

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