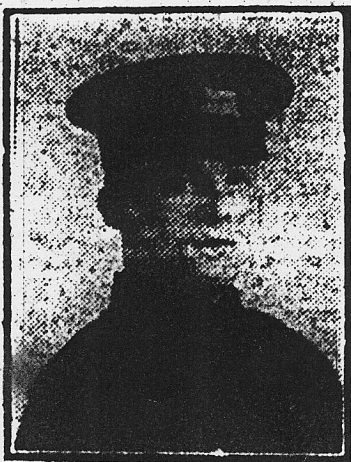


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Pte. HARRY, BOTTERILL, 8th Leicesters. A GOADBY MARWOOD "BOY" KILLED BY SNIPER.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Pte. Harry Botterill, of the 8th Leicesters, who was killed "somewhere in France," on March 11th. Although a native of Saxelby, he had been employed for some time at Goadby Hall, as under-gardener, enlisting with a number of others from this village shortly after war broke out, and has thus been regarded as one of the Goadby "boys." After training for ten months, during which time he was transferred to the Machine Gun Section, his Regiment was drafted to France in July, 1915. He was twenty-one years of age, and of a quiet, unassuming disposition, whilst on active service we are told he was "one of the bravest soldiers, persevering, never tired, and always cheerful," the happy possessor of those qualities which go to make the ideal soldier, and at the same time serve to buoy up and act as a stimulus upon their comrades in the ranks. The sad news was received on Friday last, in letters from deceased's comrades, Privates C. Forster and W. Pizar, and the Church bell was tolled out of respect to his memory. From these letters, we gather that he was killed by an enemy sniper, on rising to straighten himself after a period of periscope duty in a cramped position in the trenches. He was shot through the head, death being instantaneous. The funeral took place in a neighbouring churchyard, on the following day, Sunday, March 12th, and was attended by Sergt. Essery, of his Company (late butler at Goadby Hall). A sad feature in the case is that deceased's mother died shortly after his enlistment, and two brothers have since been killed in action, so that much sympathy goes out to his remaining brother and three sisters in their bereavement. He had of late made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston, of Goadby, who had become greatly attached to him, and who feel the loss very deeply. A memorial service was held on Sunday afternoon, when suitable references were made by the Rector. The service was well attended, appropriate hymns being sung and a special form of service used. The "Dead March" was played at the close by Miss Waite, the organist, with cornet obligato by Mr. Hastings.