

GOADBY SOLDIER MISSING.

CORPORAL C. T. FOISTER.



Mr T. S. Foister, of Goadby Marwood, has been informed that his son, Corpl. C. T. Foister, of the Leicesters, is missing after a recent big battle on the western front. He enlisted in August, 1914, and has been in France since July last year.

The news was conveyed to his father in the following letter:—"France May 8th, 1917, Dear Mr. Foister—It is with deep regret I have to write to tell you of your son's misfortune. He is reported missing, and we have every reason to believe he is a prisoner of war. We had just taken part in the biggest battle of history, and although we had a big task in front of us we went forward in the best of spirits. Through a little mishap on our flanks we lost connection, and about 200 got cut off. The Germans, making a counter attack, completely overpowered them. They fought with splendid pluck to get back but it was impossible, and we hardly know who are prisoners, or killed, so we have to report him missing. But I do sincerely hope you hear from him as a prisoner. I am deeply sorry to lose him. He was an excellent N.C.O., and was liked by everyb. dy. He could always be trusted, and did most of our patrol work with great coolness and several times brought back valuable information. I regret to say it is the first time this battalion has failed to do what has been put before them but I am convinced it is the strongest point along this line. I am glad to say your son was recommended for some distinction for his coolness, and valuable information he went and got under a terrific bombardment about a week or two ago, and I hope it comes through all right. Well, I sincerely hope you hear something soon, and if we should hear any more I will let you know. Yours Sincerely, E. Walker, Company Sergeant-Major."