

# Signaller Struck Down at a Battery Position

Mr. and Mrs Edgar Smith, 19, Coronation Terrace, Birstall, have been informed that their son, Gunner-Signaller Clarence Smith, R.F.A., aged 21, has been killed in action. A letter received on Wednesday from an officer says:—"I very deeply regret to inform you that your son was mortally wounded at the battery position on the morning of June 4th. He had just returned from night-duty, and was with a great many of his friends when he and almost all of them were hit. He suffered no pain, and this I hope will be some consolation to you in your great loss. He was one of my best signallers, always ready for any work, and both officers and men feel his loss more than we can say, as he was certainly one of the most capable men in the battery."

Gunner Smith enlisted at the age of 19, and had been at the Front over a year and a half.

A native of Birstall, and an old boy of Birstall Council School, he was also associated with Birstall Wesleyan Church and Sunday School. Prior to enlisting he was a shorthand-typist for Messrs. Halliwell, Patent Glazing Works, Brighouse.



## Clarence Smith

Remembered with Honour

Bunyans Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines

