

# Birstall Lad Killed After Fighting All Through the War

Private Basil Hinchliffe (23), K.O.Y.L.I., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinchliffe, Hartley's Buildings, Bradford Road, Birstall, who joined the Army in January, 1911 (at the age of 18), and went to France with the first Expeditionary Force—"Lord French's Contemptible Little Army!"—was killed in France on June 29th. He had been twice wounded previously—the last occasion being in April last—and he was killed within a few days of leaving a rest camp.

"I buried him in — Military Cemetery," writes the Battalion Chaplain," and a cross will shortly be erected over his grave. He was killed in the trenches by a shell.

Pte. Hinchliffe was an old boy of Birstall Parish Church Day School, and was apprenticed to Mr. H. Hirst, California Mills, Gomersal, as a mule-fitter. He had been through most of the big battles on the Western Front, and had even fought at Verdun.



## Basil Hinchcliffe

Remembered with Honour

Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery

