

Private Henry Herbert May

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte Hy May, of the Hants Regiment, a Dawlish soldier, is reported killed at the front. His wife, Mrs May, of Chapel Street, received a letter from Corporal G Pewner on Saturday last. He says: "I deeply regret to tell you about the death of your husband, who passed peacefully away on the afternoon of the 21st May.

I was in charge of a party at work when a shell came over and one of the pieces went right through your husband's shoulder and lodged in the heart. He never spoke a word. I was extremely sorry to lose him. He had been in my section for about 12 months, and I always found him very willing in his work and a very good soldier in the field. He is buried at the cemetery in the ruined village of ——— a few miles from Arras."

Pte May had been one year and nine months at the front, and leaves a widow and four children, whose ages range from 10 years to 16 months. The sympathies of the community are extended to the widow in her loss and in the heavy responsibility of having four children on her hands.