

Private Thomas Alfred Smith  
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We regret to hear of the death of another of the Devon lads at the front, viz., Pte Thomas Alfred Smith, of "Buller's Own," whose wife is a daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lambshead, of 3 Old Town Street, Dawlish. The widow, who has been living in Dawlish of late with her three children, aged 7, 6 and 2 respectively, received a letter from one of the nurses at a base hospital,

dated the 9th inst., stating that her husband was seriously ill with blood-poisoning. Following quickly on this letter came a telegram conveying the sad news of his death on the 13th inst. She has since received a letter, dated the 13th, stating that her husband was very much worse and unconscious. Deceased, before joining up, was for some years in the Naval College at Dartmouth as a Cadet's servant. Many years ago he was employed on railway extension works at Dawlish. The greatest sympathy will be felt with the widow and the three little children.

Since writing the above we are informed that the widow gave birth to another child, a boy, at mid-day on Thursday.

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**M**RS. H. B. SMITH returns thanks for the sympathy and kindness shown to herself and family in their bereavement.