

PRIVATE F MORLEY OF PEGG'S GREEN
Killed in action in WWI



Mr and Mrs Morley, of Anchor Lane, Pegg's Green, near Ashby, have received news that their son, Pte. F. Morley, of the 71st Trench Mortar Battery, was killed in action in France, on March 21st. A chaplain writes that the deceased died while gallantly fighting with his comrades. "May God give you grace to bear up in these sad times, and may your son's memory be ever with you as a true soldier and English man."

Deceased's officer writes "I was with your son when he was hit very badly in three places. We did all we possibly could for him and made him comfortable, but his wounds proved mortal. He made a brave and gallant fight throughout the morning and one cannot speak too highly of him. Your brave son fired his mortar in the early part of the battle until a direct hit killed all the men under his charge and missed him completely. He then reported to me in the rear and there made a great stand, doing excellent work. If he had lived, he would have been decorated for his gallantry and bravery in action. He died fighting like a true soldier, and such men as he saved the day against tremendous odds. Officers and men offer their sincere sympathy." Pte. Morley enlisted in May, 1915 and went to France in the following December.

Mr and Mrs F. Morley and Family desire to tender their sincere thanks to all friends for the many letters and kind expressions of sympathy received in their sad bereavement through the loss of their beloved son and brother, Pte. F. Morley, 71st Trench Mortar Battery, who was killed in action on March 21st, 1918.

"He nobly answered duty's call: He gave his life for one and all."
Anchor Lane,
Pegg's Green.

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