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BRIGADIER-GENERAL FRANK WORMALD, DEWSBURY

Brigadier-General Frank Wormald, C.B., of Trowse House, Norwich, Norfolk, of the 12th Lancers, was a son of the late Mr. J. Wormald, of Dewsbury, and a member of the firm of Messrs. Wormalds and Walker, Limited, Dewsbury. He died on active service in France on the 3rd October last, leaving estate valued at £39,278 4s. 10d., with net personalty £25,674 8s. 10d. Mrs. Gwynifred Wormald, of Wingfield Manor, Alfreton, Derby, his widow, and Mr. Arthur Wormald, of Kimith Hall, Gainsborough, Yorkshire, and Mr. Percival Henry Wormald, of Dewsbury Mills, Dewsbury, his brothers, are the executors.

The will is dated 13th August, 1914, wherein testator left £500 and household and personal effects to his wife, and £100 each to the executors. The residue of his property is left in trust for his wife for life, and then to his children, and on failure of issue, to children of his brothers, John, Frederick William, Arthur, and Percival Henry.

DIED OF WOUNDS. DEWSBURY MOOR FAMILY'S SECOND LOSS.

The mournful news reached Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaunt, 40, Heckmondwike Road, Dewsbury, on Monday, that their second son, Pte. Harry Gaunt, West Yorks., had died of wounds on July 23rd in a French Hospital. Great sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gaunt on their second great loss in the war, for just a year ago they received the painful information



Pte. H. Gaunt, West Yorks., Dewsbury (died of wounds).

that their eldest son, Pte. Albert Gaunt, of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, had died of severe wounds. Pte. Harry Gaunt was only 22 when he was called upon to make the great sacrifice for his country. He joined the Colours in April, 1916, and has been through the thick of some of the most severe battles on the Western Front. He passed through the great fighting at Bullecourt in May last year, and round about Cambrai in November. At the time of writing no information had been received concerning the manner in which he received his fatal injuries. He was last home on leave early in March, and the last letter which his parents received from him was written on July 17th, but was not posted until July 21st. He had been twice wounded previously. In civil life he was a willer in the employ of Messrs. Wormalds and Walker, and was an old scholar of St. John's, Dewsbury Moor.

373 men named on the Dewsbury Cenotaph had previously worked in the mills of the town. At least 26 of them were employed by Wormalds and Walker. Frank Wormald is not named on the Dewsbury Cenotaph but has a personal memorial in Holy Innocents.

BADLY WOUNDED.

AND DIED IN THE CLEARING-STATION.

"Much regret to report Pte. Albert Gaunt, 8th Royal Dublin Fusiliers, died of wounds—gunshot wound, compound fracture left thigh, elbow and knee—on 8th August, 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing-Station, France." This painful information concerning their son was received early this week by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaunt, 40, Heckmondwike Road, Dewsbury, and was soon fol-



Pte. A. Gaunt, Dublin Fusiliers, Dewsbury (died of wounds).

lowed by a letter from a chaplain at the casualty clearing-station referred to. "He was admitted," says the writer, "during the previous night with severe shell wounds in the thigh, elbow and hand. He was in a very weak condition from shock and loss of blood, and from the first he was in a practically hopeless condition. He was made as easy and comfortable as possible. I don't think that he suffered very much, for he was too weak, and for hours before the end was unconscious. He passed away quietly." Twenty-seven years of age at his death, Pte. Gaunt joined the Army on May 22nd last year, and went out to France 12th May last. He was for some time attached to the Highland Light Infantry before being transferred to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, with whom he went out. Formerly he was a fitter at Messrs. Wormalds and Walker's Ratcliffe Mills. His younger brother, Pte. Harry Gaunt, West Yorks., is in France, but is for the present out of the line awaiting treatment for an injury to the knee. He has previously been wounded in the leg.