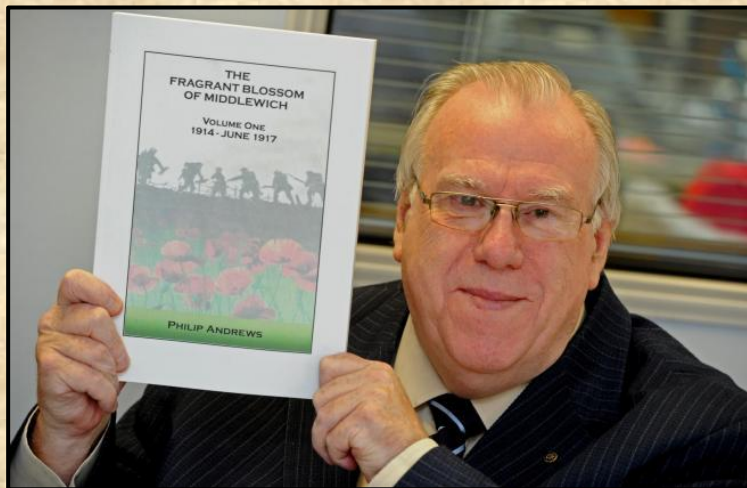


Philip Andrews – The Fragrant Blossom of Middlewich



4/8/1916
MIDDLEWICH.
KILLED.

PRIVATE C. COPPENHALL.
Private Charles Coppenthal, of the Cheshire Regiment, whose parents live in Newton Bank, Middlewich, has succumbed to his wounds at the Casualty Clearing Station, France. The news was conveyed to his father, Mr. Philip Coppenthal, in the following letter, dated July 28th, received from the Sister-in-Charge—
"I am grieved to tell you of the death of your son, Private C. Coppenthal. He seemed a little better this morning and I felt very hopeful about him, but early this afternoon he suddenly failed and became unconscious, passing away very peacefully soon afterwards at 3 p.m. He was such a good boy; so brave and patient. He will be buried by the chaplain in the Military Cemetery attached to this camp."
On the day previously the Sister wrote—"I am very sorry to tell you that your son has been wounded in the abdomen. He was admitted to this hospital on the 25th and the doctors have done all they could for him, but I am afraid his condition is still very grave. He is so good and patient and one of the pluckiest of boys."
Canon R. A. Addeley writes: "I am very sorry to have to tell you that your son died of wounds to-day (July 28th). During his illness here he received my ministrations most gratefully and died a true soldier of Jesus Christ. I shall bury him to-morrow in Heilly Military Cemetery. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your sad loss."
Private Coppenthal was 22 years of age and prior to the war was employed by the North Staffordshire Canal Company as a labourer. He enlisted in September, 1914, and has been in France about 12 months. He was in the grenade section.



BOMB THROWER DIES FROM WOUNDS.
Another Middlewich man has been killed in the recent fighting in France, viz., Pte. Charles Coppenthal, of Newton Bank, who was in a grenade section. The sad news was contained in a letter to his mother from the chaplain, the Rev. R. A. Addeley. Writing on July 27, the Sister-in-charge of a casualty clearing station in France stated—"I am very sorry to tell you that your son has been wounded in the abdomen. The doctors have done all they can for him, but I am afraid his condition is still very grave. He is so good and patient, and one of the pluckiest of boys." The letter from the chaplain stated that Pte. Coppenthal died from his wounds on that day. "During his illness (the letter continued) he received my ministrations most gratefully and died a true soldier of Jesus Christ. I shall bury him to-morrow in Heilly Military Cemetery. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your sad loss." The Sister-in-charge also wrote—"I am grieved to tell you of the death of your son. He seemed a little better this morning, and I felt more hope for him, but early this afternoon he suddenly failed and became unconscious, passing away very peacefully soon afterwards, at 3 p.m." The deceased, who was 22, was formerly a labourer in the employ of the North Staffordshire Canal. He had been in France about twelve months. Mrs. Coppenthal has another son in Salonika.

The Research work of Philip Andrews.
Examples of Philip's work, in this case Charles Coppenthal, a farm worker from Middlewich who served with the Cheshire Regiment. He died in France aged 22.

Army Form
GENERAL SERVICE DEAD
(Three years with the Colours.)
ATTESTATION OF
Name: Charles Coppenthal Corps: Cheshire Regt

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Charles Coppenthal
2. In the Parish or Town were you born? Middlewich in the County of Cheshire
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 19 Years 2 Months 2 Days
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Labourer
6. Have you resided out of your father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? No
7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your apprenticeship expire? No
8. Are you Married? No
9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power? No
10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what unit and Corps? No
11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteer, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and nature of discharge? No
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? Yes
16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? (Name) None (Corps) None
17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? Yes

(c) For a term of three years. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. If, however, the war is over in less than three years, you will be discharged at once with all convenient speed.

I, Charles Coppenthal, solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Charles Coppenthal SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. H. ... Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, Charles Coppenthal, swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. No help no God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.
The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in his presence.
I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Middlewich on this 1 day of SEP 1914.

Signature of the Justice: Francis H. Mellingwell
Initial the alteration under Section 8 (6), Army Act.
The Recruit's oath, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 111a.

MEMORANDUM FOR
The Officer in charge of Infantry Records, Shrewsbury

WAR OFFICE, PARK BUILDINGS, ST. JAMES'S PARK, LONDON, S.W.

18 December 1916

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Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late Private Charles Coppenthal 9th Cheshire Regiment should be despatched to—
Mr Philip Coppenthal
1 St. Anne Road
Middlewich

Any moneys granted to the deceased that are now in your possession or that may hereafter reach you should be forwarded to—
The above named Person

Charns
Assistant Financial Secretary.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911

NAME AND RESIDENCE	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF FAMILY	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, TRADE, BUSINESS, OR VOCATION	REMARKS
Thomas Bates	Head	59	M	Married	7	Farmer	
Margaret Bates	Wife	36	F	Married	7	Domestic Duties	
Edgar Bates	Son	16	M	Single	7	Assistant Banker	
Edmond Bates	Son	5	M	Single	7	Assistant Banker	
Charles Coppenthal	Boarder	19	M	Single	7	Labourer	
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NAME: COPPEN HALL
Charles

REGIMENT: 9 Chesh R.
RANK: Pte.
NUMBER: 12899

REMARKS: D of W. 1-5-16

DATE OF ENTRY THEREIN: 19-7-15