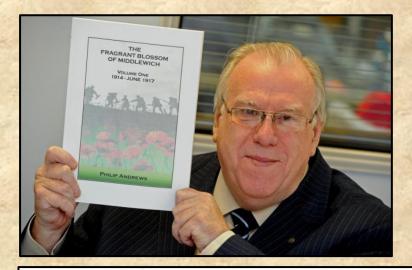
Philip Andrews - The Fragrant Blossom of Middlewich





4/8/1916

MIDDLEWICH.

KILLED.

PRIVATE C. COPPENHALL.

Private Charles Coppenhall, of the Cheshiro Regiment, whose parents live in Newton Bank, Middlewich, has accumbed to his wounds at the Casualty Cleating Station, France. The news was conveyed to his father, Mr. Philip Coppenhall, 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. Coppenhall. He seemed a little better this morning and I felt very hopeful about him, but early this afternoon he suddenly failed and became unsonscious, passing away very peacerfully 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 afright his condition is still very grave. He is so good and patient and one of the pluckiest of hoys."

Canon R. A. Adderley writes: "I am very sorry to have to tell you that your con died of wounds to-day Guly 28th). During his illness here he received my ministrations most gratefully and dred a true solder of Jesus Christ. I shall bury him to-morrow in Heilly Military Cemetery. Pleass accept my deepest sympathy in your sad loss."

Private Concenhall was 22 years of age and prior to the war was employed by the North 8tt-fordshire Canal Company as a labourer. He enisted in September, 1914, and has been in France about 12 months. He was in the grenade section.

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BCMB THROWER DIES FROM WOUNDS. Another Middlewich man has been killed in the recent fighting in France, viz., Ptc. Charles Coppenhall, of Newton Back, who was in a grenade section. The sad news was contained in a letter to his mother from the chaplain, the Rev. R. A. Adderley. 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 soc 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 nluckiest of boys." The letter from the chaplain stated that Ptc. Coppenhall 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 tomorrow 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 decessed, who was 22, was formerly a labourer in the employ of the North Staffordshire Canal. He had been in France about twelve months. Mrs. Coppenhall has another son in Salonika.

The Research work of Philip Andrews.

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

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4. What is your Age?	49Years
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3. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? 4. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	14 V49
5. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service	15
6. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its mean- ing, and who gave it to you?	16
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