

BAKEWELL FOOTBALLER KILLED.

Of the many men that have gone from Bakewell to serve their country the first to give up his life at the Front is Pte. Hubert H. Fewkes, of the 6th Notts. and Derby Regiment (I.F.), who was killed on Thursday of last week.



Until this sad news came through Bakewell men had been remarkably fortunate, although there had previously been one death among the men in training, Pte. Malcolm Tomkinson, of the R.F.A., having died in hospital in December, as *Derbyshire Times* readers will remember. The first intimation that Pte. Fewkes, who was known throughout West Derbyshire in football circles as "Cloggy," had been shot was contained in a letter received on Wednesday by Mrs Hopkins, of Bakewell, from her husband, Sergt. W. Hopkins, who stated

that "they have got him (referring to Fewkes), shot through the head." Whether this meant he was killed or wounded was not certain, and although the worst was feared it was hoped it was not true. Unfortunately, it was only too true, for on Thursday Mr Fewkes, father of Pte. Fewkes, received the following letter from Lieut.-Col. C. D. Goodman, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment:—"I write to express the sympathy of the officers and men of the Battalion with you on the death of your son, Pte. H. H. Fewkes, who was killed in action in the trenches on the 27th inst. Your son was much esteemed by the officers and men of his Company and his death is a real loss to us. He was buried on the following day in the British Cemetery near the trenches and his funeral was attended by myself and Lieut. C. J. Wheatcroft, his platoon commander, together with some of his comrades. A cross, with inscription, has been placed over his grave."

Pte. Fewkes, who was about 25 years of age, was in private life a clerk in the office of Mr Alfred Hawes, Clerk to the Bakewell Board of Guardians and Rural Council, where he had been employed about 12 years. Of a cheery disposition, he was very popular with all who came in contact with him. A keen lover of football, he was one of the mainstays of the Bakewell team in the Matlock and District League. A strenuous player, in his position at full back, he played a consistent game and could always be relied upon to give a good account of himself. He is the first of the many players from the Bakewell Club to give up his life, but up to the present four, including deceased, have figured in the casualty lists. Bob Mantle and W. Hodgkinson are both prisoners in Germany, whilst J. Marsden, who was in Fewkes' Regiment, has been wounded.

The deceased was not a member of the 6th Notts. and Derby Regiment when War broke out, having completed his period of service some time previously. He was, however, not long before he re-joined, being anxious to do his bit for his country. His death will be mourned by a numerous band of friends throughout the whole of this district.