

MORTALLY WOUNDED

The sad news was received on Saturday of the death of Alfred Ransom, Royal Sussex Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ransom of 36, Beaconsfield Road, The Honies. As announced in the "Bexhill Observer" on Saturday, Private Ransom was dangerously wounded in the neck and right shoulder, and a telegram from the hospital at Rouen acquainted his parents with his critical condition. He expired on the day the telegram was sent. Private Ransom had been wounded once before. He was popular with his friends at Bexhill.

Private Ransom's mother has received from Sister C. E. Bray, the Sister-in-charge of the Surgical Hut, a letter in which she mentions that from the first Private Ransom's condition was very serious, as his spine had been fractured. He was quite cheerful on Monday morning, and gave his home address, but in the evening he lost consciousness and never regained it up to his death. Sister Bray adds: "I am so sorry to have to tell you this. How dreadful it is for you mothers all losing your gallant sons."

He chaplain has also sent a sympathetic letter. He explains that he saw Private Ransom several times and prayed with him. He buried him with reverence in Cimetiere St. Sever. The grave will be kept in order by the authorities, and can always be identified.

There will be a memorial service for Private Ransom at Christ Church, Sidley, tomorrow (Sunday) at 6.30. Private Ransom was a scholar at the Primitive Methodist Sunday School before Christ Church was built.

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