

# LUTON SOLDIER'S DEATH.

## Sad News Long Delayed.



News of the death of a son in action, a matter of great grief at any time, seems even more poignant when it reaches the parents after the war has to all intents ceased. Such are the circumstances under which Mrs. A. Barton, of 2, Guildford-street, Luton, has within the past few days received official intimation of the loss of her son Stanley.

Pte. Stanley Barton, who was approaching his twenty-third year, was a Luton boy, finishing his education at Waller-street School. Subsequently, he was employed by Mr. Woods, straw hat manufacturer, Guildford-street, but when war broke out enlisted in September, 1914. He went to France in the following July with the 11th Essex Regiment, and in the course of his service was wounded on three occasions.

He underwent hospital treatment in England, and was home on leave in March last. He returned to the firing line on the 18th of that month, just in time to catch the full force of the great German drive for Paris and the Channel ports.

On the 22nd March his regiment was engaged in heavy fighting, and it will be recalled that at least one detachment of the Essex Regiment fulfilled orders to the letter and held on till the last, being practically wiped out.

Whether Pte. Barton was among this band of heroes is not known, but he was reported missing, and this intimation has now been supplemented by the official statement that he was killed or died of wounds on that date.