Parish Letter February 1919 Rev. JC Garnett.

"My Dear Friends,

On Sunday December 29th, 1918, a Memorial Service for the twenty-one brave men who have laid down their lives in the War from this parish was held at the parish church. The weather was about as bad as it could be, and no doubt kept away many from distant parts of the Parish. In my address I repeated the fact that cannot be too often re-iterated viz., our eternal debt of gratitude to them.

I have already made mention of 20 of them at similar services, and in the Magazine. Of one, Captain Lawrence Peel, I had not alluded until the one on the 29th December. We all know that he was reported missing from October 1914, but with his loved ones and with many others I had hoped that news might yet be forthcoming. Our earnest hopes have not been realised, and we have now to accept the belief that he, too, has laid down his life in the service of his King and Country. I need hardly say how grieved we are that so brave a soldier and so fine a character should have been cut down, like so many other, in this dreadful war. We are quite sure that he died a glorious death in our defence..........."

".........To his beloved wife and son, and to his father and brothers and sisters and his many relatives and friends we offer our respectful and heartfelt sympathy. They have had our prayers over four long years, and now in their sad bereavement we do not forget them. They have shown splendid endurance and fortitude and their example has been one that many might well follow."

Captain Lawrence Peel Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment)

Died 23rd October 1914

Captain Lawrence Peel

His friends have heard with regret that Mr Lawrence Peel, son of Mr Wm. Peel of Knowlmere Manor, is reported missing from the British Army in France. He has been missing since the 24th October and his fate is unknown though it is sincerely hoped he is a prisoner of war as the only alternative to him having been killed in action. A Captain in the West Yorkshire Regiment, Mr Peel left for France about a month ago and has been in some of the hottest fighting. Further news of him will be anxiously awaited.

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Aged 30, he was killed whilst leading his cycle companyin a night attack near Ypres 3rd son of William Peel of Knowlmere.

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