



The transcript reads as follows;

24th July 1916

Dear Sir,

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of the death of Sapper Sidney Martin. Being his chum, & with him at the time of his death, I thought that you would like to know that he died without pain, being instantly killed & not uttering a word as he fell. He was a good soldier and a favourite with his section & was the best of chums & comrades to me. He died on the field of battle & was buried just behind in a soldier's cemetery & there is a cross with his name to mark the spot. He was always cheerful & good-natured & all greatly miss him & extend to you our sympathy in your great loss,

I remain,
Yours faithfully
A Mayes
Sapper'