

LUTON SOLDIER'S DEATH.

Funeral of Pte. Albert Allen.



The death occurred on Tuesday August 13th, at the Royal Military Hospital, Devonport, of Pte. Albert Allen, Army Ordnance Corps, whose home was at 185, North-street, Luton. Pte. Allen was the eldest son of Mr. Fredk. Allen, hat manufacturer, 83, Wenlock-street, and before joining the Forces was employed in his father's business.

The deceased soldier went to France in September, 1916, for service in the E.F.C., but was invalided home after ten months, and drafted into the Army Ordnance Corps. When taken ill he was working at Devonport. He was well known in the High Town district, and was a member of the Luton Conservative Club, and the Club flag was flown at half-mast on Saturday. Full military honours were accorded to the late Pte. Allen at Devonport, a detachment of officers and men from his regiment acting as escort to the station.

The funeral took place on Saturday at the Luton Church Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. E. Lewis, of St. Matthew's. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. The chief mourners were Mrs. and Miss Jessie Allen (widow and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen (parents), Mr. Alf Allen and Mrs. F. Thrupp (brother and sister), Mr. Sid Allen and Miss Edie Allen (brother and sister), and Mr. Arthur Allen and Pte. Walter Allen (brothers), Mrs. A. Allen, Mrs. S. Allen, Mrs. Pitkin, Mr. H. Palmer, Mr. J. Slough, Mr. W. Slough, Mrs. Smart, and Mrs. Harris.

Wreaths were sent by the following: "In loving memory of dear Dad, from his sorrowing wife and daughter Jessie"; "In loving memory of our dear son, from Mother and Dad"; "In loving memory of dear Albert, from Sid, Eva, and little Phyllis"; "In affectionate remembrance, from Alf and May"; "A token of love to our dear brother from his sorrowing sister and brother, Nellie and Fred"; "A token of love to our dear brother from Edie, Arthur, and Walter"; "With deepest sympathy, from Grandfather, Aunt Kate, and Aunt Florrie"; "In loving memory of our dear brother, from Will and Jim"; "In loving memory of dear Albert, from Art and family"; "In loving memory of dear Albert—Aunt Sarah, Uncle Harry, and cousins in France"; "A token of affectionate remembrance, from Lizzie and George, Maude and Ronnie"; "In loving memory, from Uncle Will"; "In deep sympathy—Jim and Nellie"; "In loving memory—Aunt Maude and Uncle Dan"; "With deepest sympathy—Mrs. Lawson, Burton Arms"; "With deepest sympathy—Mrs. Thrupp and family"; "Deepest sympathy and ever loving memory, from Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Jack"; "With deepest sympathy, from Fred and Beattie"; "With sincerest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Jackson"; "In loving memory of dear Albert, from Auntie, Uncle Tom, and cousins in France and Turkey"; "With best love to Uncle Albert, from Dennis"; "In loving memory of dear Uncle Albert, from little Kathleen"; "With deepest sympathy, from officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men of No. 4 Section, A.O.C., Devonport"; "With deepest sympathy, from friends and neighbours (North-street)."

A letter was received from the Lieut. Colonel of Pte. Allen's regiment, expressing deep sympathy with the relatives, and one from Lieut. Meacock, who said he had known the deceased soldier for twelve months, and could ill-afford to lose a man of such sterling qualities and of such uncompromising service. He also said it was the wish of all ranks to send a wreath, and the response to the appeal for subscriptions was so great from the deceased's comrades that he was forced to limit the subscriptions.

Mrs. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen are very grateful for the splendid attention and care the deceased received at the Royal Military Hospital, Devonport, where everything possible has been done for him. Pte. Allen leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss. Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. Allen have one son in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and another joined H.M. Forces the day of his brother's death, but obtained a week's leave on account of the bereavement.

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