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Comes Home From France to Die.

Just how heavily burdened our women-folk are in these days we shall never know, but occasionally one gets a glimpse of their courage and bravery, and such an instance is that of Mrs. Wright, of 40, Buxton-road, Luton. On Monday, she buried the third member of her family within two years, under circumstances of a distressing nature, for, in common with all who knew him well, she holds that he should never have been taken for military service.

Pte. Ernest Wright was a twin, and at the time of his death was 22. When the Derby Scheme was engineered, he presented himself for medical examination, and was promptly rejected by Dr. Birch, of the Medical Institute, years of suffering from bronchial asthma having affected his heart. He duly received a pink form, and again in September last underwent medical examination at Bedford, and, to the surprise of the family and his friends, was catalogued B1, garrison duty abroad. He was employed by Mr. Cox, hat manufacturer, of Hazelbury-crescent, on very light work, at that time, and with a view to avoiding strenuous work, he was advised to get into the canteen department, after he had failed in an appeal before the Local Tribunal to obtain exemption on the grounds of domestic hardship and physical disability. At the time of his claim, said his mother, he had been in bed three weeks with bronchial asthma, attended by Dr. Worthington, and he rose from his bed to go before the Tribunal, and he returned to bed after his claim had been dismissed. Mrs. Wright says she presented a medical certificate given by Dr. Birch, but in view of the military medical examination, this certificate was ignored. He joined the canteen department in October last year, and on Oct. 13th was sent to France.