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# LUTON MILITARY FUNERAL.

## Death of Pte. G. Bass From Wounds.

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With full military honours Pte. Gustavus Bass, of the East Kent Regiment, and of 2, Cross-street, Luton, was laid to rest at the Church Cemetery on Saturday. He died in a Leicester hospital last week as a result of wounds received three weeks ago.

Pte. Bass, who leaves a wife and two young children, was formerly in the employ of Mr. Geo. Warren. He attested under the Derby Scheme, was called up a year ago, and became a first-class bomber. He went to France last October, and came through several big engagements unscathed. About three weeks ago he received gunshot wounds in the right arm and right side, which eventually proved fatal.

There are four brothers serving in France, one of whom has been slightly wounded. It is a sad circumstance that a little niece of Pte. Bass died a week later than he himself. Thus the relatives are suffering a double bereavement.

The funeral on Saturday was marked by military ceremony. The R.F.A. at Biscot provided a gun carriage, on which the coffin was placed, covered by the Union Jack. There were also a firing party and buglers. The officiating clergyman was the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Chapman), who gave a very touching address.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Bass (widow), Mr. A. W. Hawkes (father-in-law), Miss Ashby (aunt), Mr. A. Slough (brother-in-law), Mrs. E. Bass, Mrs. A. Bass, Mrs. Hawkes (sisters-in-law), Miss Rowe, Pte. F. Streeton (a soldier friend of the deceased), and Mr. Gillam (Mr. Geo. Warren's).

There were several beautiful floral tributes. The arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. T. and E. Neville.

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