

LATE DRIVER RICKARD.



The funeral took place with full military honours at the Church Cemetery yesterday afternoon of the late Driver Thomas Alfred Ernest Rickard, whose home was at 34, North-street, Luton, but who, as reported in the "Saturday Telegraph," was fatally kicked by an Army mule last Thursday while he was in training at Darlington. He was only 19, and had been in the Army three years. The funeral service was con-

ducted by the curate of St. Matthew's Church, Rev. W. E. Lewis. The coffin was of polished elm with brass fittings, and bore the following inscription:—"Driver Thomas Alfred Ernest Rickard, R.E., died May 9th, aged 19 years." The chief mourners were Sapper T. E. and Mrs. Rickard (mother and father), Misses Nellie and Violet Rickard (sisters), Master A. Rickard (brother), Mr. A. Rickard (grandfather), Miss L. Gibbard (friend), Mr. and Mrs. Bland (uncle and aunt), Mrs. Bell (aunt), Misses Rachel and Rose Bland (aunts), Mr. and Mrs. E. Rickard (uncle and aunt), Mrs. Wilding (aunt), and Cpl. A. H. Bennett, of the R.E.'s (friend). The wreaths were as follow:—"Mother and Father"; "Uncles and Aunts"; "Neighbours and Friends"; "Miss L. Gibbard"; and one from the — Division Sig. Coy. R.E. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. T. & E. Neville.