

FUNERAL OF PTE. HIGHTON.

Another 1/5th Here Laid to Rest at Home.

Another 1/5th Bedford here was laid to rest in his native town of Luton on Tuesday amid a general demonstration of sorrow both by civilians and the military. He was L. Col. Arthur Thomas Highton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Highton, "Oringbury," Havelock-road, Luton, and a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harriett of Stowbury, and he died on November 19th, at the University War Hospital, Southampton. The deceased was only 38 and he enlisted in the 1/5th Bedford Regiment some three years ago. He served in the 1/5th Signal Section under Lieut. Ballance, and while in Gallipoli won his first stripes. He received wounds, only to be sent to hospital at Alexandria with dysentery. Official notification was received to this effect some time ago, and a letter was received from him on Thursday night stating that he was getting on well and thought he would soon be in England. Prior to the receipt of this letter, however, came a further notification that he was dangerously ill at Southampton, and the news that he had succumbed in hospital.

LIEUT. BALLANCE'S INQUIRY.

Lieut. Ballance wrote to the parents inquiring about him, and said, "He was my servant. On August 19th, in the great tank, he helped me back from the firing line to the hospital. If it had not been for him I do not know how I should have fared. The load was tremendous, and I was not a small weight to carry, but he got me along in a wonderful way. I should be glad to know where he is."



L. Col. Highton was well known in the town. He was formerly employed by Mr. Hays, plate merchant, George-street, and was a member of King-street I.S.A., and a member of the North-street Wesleyan Choir, Sunday School and Tract Society.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral on Tuesday took place at the General Cemetery and was very impressive, there being many in the procession from the houses in Havelock-road to the grave-side. The bearers all being in the 1/5th and have returned from the Dardanelles. They were in charge of Sgt. Stokes, and their names are—L. Cpls. Barnes, Blagg, Taylor, Rowe, Albion, and Lead. The firing party, from the Duke of Bedford's Training Depot, preceded the hearse, being in charge of Sgt. Farran. The band of the 2nd Bedford Regiment, stationed at Bedford, in charge of Drum-Major Taylor, attended and played the funeral marches on the way to the cemetery, and the "Last Post" at the grave-side. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and on this lay the deceased's helmet which he wore at Gallipoli. In the procession were representatives of North-street Wesleyan Church and King-street P.E.A., and Mr. Hays and others represented the firm for which deceased had worked. There was also a large number of men both from the Eastern Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, in command of Capt. Lamberton, and the East Anglian R.E., in command of Lieut. Shaw. The service was conducted in the chapel and at the grave-side by the Revs. A. F. Walton and E. B. Mahon, and full military honours were accorded by the firing party and buglers.

The immediate mourners were—Mr. and Mrs. Highton (parents); Miss Highton (sister); Mr. H. T. Highton (grandfather); Mr. and Mrs. W. Garrett (uncle and aunt); Mr. W. Highton (uncle); Mr. Stanley Highton (cousin); Messrs. C. and P. Highton (uncles); Mrs. F. Highton (aunt); Mr. and Mrs. Dyer (aunt and uncle); Mr. G. Walker (uncle); Miss Walker (cousin); Misses Lily, Bertha, Dorothy and Ivy Garrett (cousins); Mr. P. Flockell, Cpl. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Baulk, Miss Baulk, Miss Clemens. The wreath from the bereaved parents and sisters was inscribed: "In loving memory of our dear son Arthur, from his loving mother and dad and sisters ('He did his best'); and other floral tokens were from 'Granny and Granddad'; 'Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Walter and family'; 'Uncle Bill, Auntie Nell and Stanley'; 'Aunt Liza, Uncle Walter and family'; 'Uncle Frank, Auntie Lil and Madge'; 'Aunt and Uncle Dyer, of Borepeter'; 'Ethel and Charlie Clifton'; 'Hilda, Etta and Arthur'; Mr. and Mrs. Pampalini ('With heartfelt sympathy for one of the brave Bedfords'); Mrs. Rose ('With sincere sympathy for a brave boy'); Mr. and Mrs. Titchmarsh and family; 'Friends ('With deepest sympathy'); Mr. J. Johnstone Hays ('With much regard'); Mr. and Mrs. Bert Coles; 'His cousin Percy'; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley and family; friends of Havelock-road, part E. and S. Hawkes; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ballance, Dunstable ('With deepest sympathy and in grateful remembrance'); 'Emma and Fred'; the North-street Wesleyan Sunday School and Men's Bible Class ('In loving memory and kind sympathy'); the members of North-street Wesleyan Chapel Choir ('With deepest and heartfelt sympathy'); North-street Tract Society ('With deepest sympathy'); P. Merchant and Sons and staff ('With deepest sympathy'); 'His fellow employees, Hays and Co. ('In affectionate remembrance'); 'From his last billet in England at St. Albans.'

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. John Sampsons and Son, Duke-street, Luton. Mr. and Mrs. Highton and family desire to convey their grateful acknowledgments for the kindness shown to them in this time of great bereavement.