

BROUGHT HOME TO HIS GRAVE.

Luton War Victim's Funeral.

Pte. Harry Gray, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who, while fighting at the front, was fatally wounded in the head on October 17th, and died in Edinburgh Military Hospital, was buried at Luton on Friday last, with full military honours. His home was at 2, Beech-road, and the procession took its slow journey to the Church Cemetery through crowds of people.

The 23rd Battalion County of London Regiment undertook to provide military honours for deceased, and provided a firing party, trumpeters, and bearers, while about two hundred members of the battalion marched in the procession. As the band of the battalion recently returned from Luton to St. Albans, and could not conveniently attend, the band of the 5th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment gave their co-operation. Efforts were made to secure a gun-carriage for the conveyance of the coffin, but as this was found to be impossible, the coffin, covered with a Union Jack, was borne on a car of the usual character.

The family mourners were the father and mother of deceased, three brothers and sisters, and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

The procession, with the band playing the "Dead March," left Beech-road just before three o'clock. By that time a very large assembly of the public had taken place in Dunstable-road, and all along the line of route through the centre of the town people had gathered in large numbers to witness the passing of a hero to his last resting-place. At the military headquarters at the Gas Company's Office the guard turned out with fixed bayonets.

Inside the gates the path was lined on both sides by the East Anglian Divisional Engineer recruits from Napier-road.

The Rev. E. G. Jaquet, of the Parish Church, officiated at the interment, and as the coffin was lowered into the earth the firing party presented arms. Three volleys were fired over the grave, and then they stood with fixed bayonets while the "Last Post" was sounded.

There were four wreaths, inscribed as from "Mother and father, in loving memory"; "Ethel and Albert"; "Lizzie and Bill"; Emily and Arthur, Nathan, Lily and Walter."

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs T. and E. Neville.