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**Salvationist's Tragic Death.** – A member of the local Salvation Army Band, Mr. Eric WYATT, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest WYATT, of 112 Arthur-street, died early on Wednesday week at a Southampton hospital from severe injuries he received in a motor-cycle accident. Mr WYATT, aged 22, was employed on the maintenance staff of the G.P.O. at Southampton, and on the Tuesday evening he was riding his motor-cycle with Mrs. Edna GILES, of Sholing, another Salvationist as pillion passenger. At the junction of St. Denys and Osborne roads his machine was in collision with another motor-cycle and he and his pillion passenger were removed to hospital. Where Wyatt passed away some hours later without regaining consciousness.

The inquest was opened on Friday and after evidence of identification and medical testimony had been taken it was adjourned for the attendance of Mrs. GILES, who is now progressing satisfactorily. Deep sympathy is extended to his parents in their sudden and tragic loss.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. The first part of the service was held at the Salvation Army Citadel and was conducted by Major EVANS (local officer) and Major LYDEL of Sholing. Psalm 23 and the hymn "Sun of my soul" were sung. Members of the local band and corps were present, together with other sympathisers, and the cortege was headed on its way to the Cemetery with the Salvation Army flag draped with white. A similar flag covered the coffin. The mourners were Mr. Ernest WYATT (father), Messrs. R. and H. HAYLES, J. FURMIDGE, S. MABEY, and R. PHILBROW (uncles), E. HAYLES and B. WYATT (cousins).

Mr. and Mrs. WYATT and their family wish to thank everyone for their much appreciated letters and expressions of sympathy following the death of Eric, also for the beautiful floral tributes. They were too numerous to acknowledge personally so will all please accept this intimation.

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