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Salvationist's Funeral. – Many tributes were paid to Mr. Leonard Horace MAPLETOFT, sergeant-major of the local Salvation Army corps, at the funeral on Tuesday. Capt. D. RAYNER corps commander conducted the service at the Green Street Citadel in which the songsters and band took part. On behalf of the corps, Songster Leader J. COGGER spoke in appreciation of Mr. MAPLETOFT's life and service to the corps including over 10 years as sergeant-major.

The mourners were Mrs. L. H. MAPLETOFT (widow), Miss K. MAPLETOFT (daughter), Mesdames E. Davis, H. DURRELL and H. BARTON (sister-in-law), Mr. G. WARREN (nephew), Mesdames F. MORRIS and P. HUTCHINGS (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. F. WHITE, of Nottingham (cousins), Mrs. E. WYATT, Mr. and Mrs. J. RENAULT and David RENAULT, of Southampton, Brigadier BONIFACE and Envoy STARKEY, of Southsea, Capt. C. WILLIAMS, of Bridport, Capt. EVANS of Cowes and Brigadier and Mrs. HASKINS. Representatives of the local corps Home League (of which Mr. MAPLETOFTS's widow is secretary), songsters, band and cadets were present and other representatives included those of the Bridport, Cowes, Newport, Portsmouth and Southampton S.A. corps, the Baptist and Elim Bridport, Cowes, Newport, Portsmouth and Southampton S.A. corps, the Baptist and Elim churches, W.V.S. Ryde centre, W.V.S. Darby and Joan Club, Toc H branch and many local businesses and shops. The band and Army colours headed the cortege from the citadel to Ryde Cemetery, where Capt. RAYNOR officiated and Capt. EVANS gave a bible reading at the graveside service. The corps band played.

The floral tributes included those from the corps officers, local officers, soldiers and friends of the Ryde S.A. corps, fellow bandsmen and songsters of the Ryde corps, S.A. corps and officers at Bridport, Brightlingsea, Basingstoke, Portsmouth and Southampton, fellow salvationists, fellow window cleaners, and neighbours of Daniel Street.

Messrs H. V. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements. A memorial service will be held in the citadel tomorrow.

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