

**L Cpl Alfred Henry Watson**



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MILIARY FUNERAL AT CODNOR  
LANCE CORPORAL WATSON DIES IN TRAINING**

At the Codnor cemetery on Monday afternoon, the internment took place with full military honors of Lance Corporal Alfred Henry Watson, son of Mr Lewis Watson, of Woodlinkin, a member 2nd Line Cyclist Corps North Midland Division.

The deceased soldier, who was only 21 years of age, took ill whilst in training, and died after lying some time at the Bagthorpe Hospital, His death is greatly regretted, as he was a promising young man, and much local sympathy was expressed with the family in their great loss.

There was a large attendance of relatives and friends at the interment.

The first part of the service was held in the church, the vicar (Rev. S. Elder) and the Rev I. P. Piele officiating, and the proceeding being very solemn and impressive. At the graveside the committal portion were pronounced by the vicar and the dead soldier laid to rest. The bearers were six members of the 3rd Line (Nottingham) Cyclist Corps North Midland Division, which also provided the firing party.

Lieut Burton being in charge. At the close of the obsequies Bugler W. Soar sounded the "LAST POST"

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**EASTWOOD & KIMBERLEY ADVERTISER  
14TH JANUARY 1916  
LCE-CORPL ALFRED HENRY WATSON  
OF WOODLINKIN  
2ND LINE CYCLIST CORPS, NORTH MIDLAND DIVISION**

Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Lewis Watson and family in the great bereavement they sustained last week in the death in Bagthorpe Hospital on Wednesday of their son, Alfred Henry, at the age of 21 years. Deceased, who was for nine years in the sales department at Butterley Co's Colliery offices, where he was highly respected, enlisted in the 7th Batt Sherwood Foresters on Sept 14th 1914, and was transferred to the cyclist corps and acted as private clerk to the colonel. He, however, had a relapse and after being at home on sick leave entered Bagthorpe Hospital some five months ago, and despite the constant care of sister Roberts passed away.

The authorities accorded the deceased a military funeral, and this took place on Monday afternoon at Codnor Cemetery.



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The cortège was headed by men of the 3rd Line (Nottingham) Cyclist Corps North Midland Division, who formed the firing party, under Lieut Burton and the coffin, which was covered with the Union Jack, was borne from the church where the first part of the service was read, by six men of the same corps. Outside the cemetery gates Mr Pine, as a token of respect had lined up the elder scholars of the day school, in which deceased himself had been a scholar, and in which he took a deep interest.

The vicar (Rev S. Elder) and curate (Rev .I .P. Peile) officiated, and there was a large concourse of sympathising friends. At the close of the committal service three volleys were fired over the open grave, and Bugler W. Soar sounded the "last post"

The mourners were: Mr Watson (father) and Miss Cook (fiancée) Mr and Mrs A Steeples (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs F. Wheeldon (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs J. Weightman (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs T. Grainger (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs J. Watson (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Jas. Watson (brother), and Mrs Cook, Miss Watson (aunt, Ripley), Mr Simon Watson (uncle, Hucknall Huthwaite), Mr Tom Watson (uncle), Mr H Watson and Miss L Watson (cousins), Mr Wm Watson (cousins Hucknall Huthwaite), Mrs H R Watson and Mr Frank Watson (aunt and uncle), Mrs Stainsby (aunt Nottingham). Mr and Mrs Steeples (uncle and aunt), Mrs Fogg (aunt's, Mrs and Miss Lord (aunt and cousin), Nuree Tarlton, Dr Turton, and Mr Chas Poyner (friends), Mr Whaley and Mr Jepson represented the colliery office staff.

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