

## Sgt. Harold Stanley Hicking



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### **RIPLEY AND HEANOR NEWS 1918 CODNOR EXSOLDIER DEATH A VICTIM OF GAS POISONING**

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr H S Hicking, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A Hicking of Spring Cottage Crosshill, Codnor, which took place suddenly at the Nottingham General Hospital last Saturday after a short and painful illness, and chest trouble caused by gas poisoning intervening, caused his death.

Mr Hicking ex sergeant of the Army cyclist Corps, enlisted in the Kings royal Rifles Corps at the outbreak of war, and saw considerable service on the western front, until he was gassed severely at Armentieres last year, and invalided from the service in January of this year. After a long period of convalescence he had recently commenced a course of engineering training at Loughborough technical collage, and was eagerly anticipating the fresh out look it offered. Consequently the news of his untimely death at the age of 27 came as a shock to his many friends and well-wishers throughout the neighbourhood.

The funeral took place at Codnor Parish Church on Wednesday last, the Vicar assisted by the Rev. I.P. Peile officiated the bearers were Messrs Crooks, Hicking, L Cater, W Cater, R Edwards, G Wood, S Roberts and J Moon.

The Ripley branch of the N.F.D. and D Sailors and Soldiers, of which the late Sergt Hicking was an enthusiastic member, were represented by Messrs S.A. Severn and F.J. Street. There were many beautiful floral tributes including a wreath from the Federation, Rev S. Elder in an appropriate address, pointed out how the deceased had made the great sacrifice his own death being due to the gas poisoning he received in action, and tendered the sympathy of a thankful community to the bereaved family.

Mr and Mrs Hicking have been the recipients of many condolences in their irreparable loss and wish to tender thanks for the same.

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