

LATE G. HUFF

Footballer's Funeral

4000 MARCH

The sorrow which was expressed over the Northern sporting district as a result of the tragic death of the young footballer, George Huff, on Saturday afternoon, while being taken to the Newcastle Hospital following his collapse at the Sports Ground, was reflected in the attendance at his funeral, which left the residence of his father in Islington yesterday afternoon. The cortege was easily the largest seen in Newcastle for a funeral of its kind, and included representatives of every code of sport, and the majority of sporting clubs. Almost 4000 people marched in the procession, and as many more lined the streets as the cortege moved towards Hamilton station.

Prior to the departure of the funeral from the residence, a service was held by Rev. C. E. Thomas, of St. Mark's Church of England, Islington, during which reference was made to the popularity of the deceased, of his prowess on the field of sport, and of his likeable and happy personality.

Then the first members of the cortege moved away. They were the members of the Royal Islington Lodge, Manchester Unity Oddfellows, of which Mr. Huff had been a prominent member. Next came members of the Newcastle Branch of the District Federated Moulders (Metals) Union of Australia, of whom there was a large representation. Then followed members of Newcastle's Surf Clubs, and following them marched representatives of the Rugby League code and clubs. Every club in the district had sent at least one representative. Many players of first grade ability, and those still playing junior football, marched side by side.

The hearse was draped with the match past standard of the Cook's Hill Surf Club, of which Mr. Huff had been a member. Four of his clubmates from the Northern Suburbs Club (R. Cody, W. White, D. Dean, and R. Sherry) were pallbearers. Members of the Reserve Grade team, most of whom played with the deceased on Saturday afternoon, walked on each side of the hearse; they were A. Farquahson, E. Seymour, R. Mason, R. Creighton, J. Passmore, T. Turnbull, C. McKenzie, R. Swan, E. Mitten, A. Gilmore, and F. Reading.

After the hearse walked the father of the deceased, his brother (himself a well-known player), and a brother-in-law, Mr. G. Hutchinson. In a car behind was the deceased's wife, his mother, and his grandfather, Mr. W. Middleton, senior. Then followed the general assembly of sympathisers.

The cortege included the Deputy-Mayor of Newcastle (Ald. R. Christie), who represented the City Council. Wickham Council was represented by the Mayor (Ald. L. Grahame), the Deputy-Mayor (Ald. M. Clark), and Ald. Pepper, Turner, O. Colley, Davies, and Rees, and the Town Clerk, Mr. Miller. Carrington Council was represented by Ald. R. Rose.

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Newcastle Junior Rugby League was represented by the Treasurer (Mr. P. Cooper), Newcastle Rugby Union by Mr. Peter Fleming, the State Soccer League by Ald. T. Johnson (Adamstown), and the Newcastle Soccer Association by its Secretary (Mr. T. Percy). Mr. W. Potts attended on behalf of the Northern Amateur Cycling Association, and Mr. R. Tressider represented the Newcastle League Cycling Club. Members of the Grahame Park Tennis Club, of which deceased was a member, walked in a body, and boxing was represented by Messrs. W. Jones, H. Collins, J. Aitchison, and J. Pearce, and the Federated Parents and Citizens' Association by Mr. J. Croft. Numbers of workmates of Mr. Huff were present, with representatives of the Moulders' Union, the Commonwealth Steel Products' Yearly Club. The Manchester Unity Oddfellows' lodges represented were Islington, Hexham, Hamilton North, Hamilton, Mayfield West, and Past Grands Lodge No. 12.

Mr. H. Bankey (Newcastle Soccer Referee), H. Williams (Northern Suburbs Coach), F. Barker (representative of executive committee of Central League Club), and Superintendent J. Dolan (Newcastle Ambulance) were also in the cortege.

A telegram was received from the famous Australian player, C. ("Dally") Messenger, expressing his regret and his sympathy with the bereaved family.

At the meeting of the Newcastle Rugby League last night, members stood in silence for a minute, and the meeting was adjourned for five minutes out of respect for the deceased.

Wreaths were received from—Molly and baby; Mum and Dad; Bill and family; Mum and Dad (Carrington); Eric and Mav; Fay and Eric; Auntie Emma, Ted and family; Auntie Ruby; Uncle Will and family; Uncle Harry and Auntie Mary; Uncle Bert and Auntie Mary; Auntie Beattie, Uncle Fred, Ron and Harry; Thelma, Fred and Douglas; Herb and Dulcie; Maggie, Gus and family; Auntie Elsie; Uncle Percy and family; Auntie Lou and family; Bill Turner; Mrs. Stokes and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Barrett; Mr. and Mrs. T. Sutherland and Ted; Mr. and Miss Grant; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Jke) Williams; Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson and family (Adamstown); Mrs. G. Glover; Mr. and Mrs. Bert James and family; Islington Parents and Citizens' Association; Newcastle Rugby Football League; Mrs. Fogarty and Wilf; Officers and Brethren Lodge Sedgwick, No. 125; Chip, Horace, Stan, Pat, Jock, Harry, Frank, Danny and Jacky; Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor and Albert; Newcastle R.L. Referees' Association; Mr. and Mrs. A. Croft and boys; Mr. and Mrs. George Fairleigh and family;

Association; Mr. and Mrs. A. Cruft and boys; Mr. and Mrs. George Fairleigh and family; Mrs. Utley and family; Susan Gilmore Surf Club; Grahame Park Tennis Club; Mrs. H. M. Jenkins and family; the Mayor and Aldermen Wickham Council; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker and family; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Grauss and family; Officers and Members Loyal Islington Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., 698; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Eric; Albert and Annie Moffitt and family.

Kemp family; Mr. G. Redding and family; Junior Rugby League; Western Suburbs Rugby League Club; Kurri Kurri Rugby League Club; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams; Mrs. Fleming and Don; Mr. and Mrs. Embleton, Wickham Park Hotel; his pals from Islington Park; Farrar Bros. and employees; Mrs. Nelson and Amy; J. Beath and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Walsh and family; boys of Wickham Park Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. Muncester and family, also Midge; Grounds Staff of Newcastle Rugby League; Mr. and Mrs. J. Manly and Jack; Wickham District Baseball Club; I.X.L. Radio Store; Mr. and Mrs. R. Beeton; Carpenter family; Waratah-Mayfield Rugby League Football Club; Cessnock Rugby League Football Club; employees, Loco, Broadmeadow; Mr. and Mrs. Carmody and family and Jack; Toohy family and J. Blundell; Bob Banks (Tumut) and brother; Newcastle Rugby League Executive; Newcastle Surf Life-saving Club; Eastern Suburbs Rugby League Football Club; Morpeth-East Maitland Rugby League Football Club; Glad and Tom Mace; Bowditch family; Frank and Nellie; Mr. and Mrs. H. Collard and family; Cook's Hill Surf Club; Hughie Downie; members, Nobhya Surf Club; Little Mascot, Jack Maddison; Mrs. Ash and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunn and family; Mr. and Mrs. Monreal and Mr. and Mrs. G. Marks; Mr. and Mrs. Colwell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Barbata, Criterion Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sneddon and family; Comrades, Vickers Steel Products; Herbie Jones; Sandgate-Shortland Rugby League Club; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Probert and family; M. Mathews

and H. Brien; Fred Watson; Newcastle South Rugby League Club; Mr. and Mrs. Paul; Nell and Ted Maddison; Mrs. McDonald, Jim and Jack; the Nunn family; H. E. Horan and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Buckland; Central Newcastle Rugby League Club; Murrumbidgee Rugby League Club; Mr. and Mrs. C. O'Hara Regent Theatre (Islington); Mr. and Mrs. J. Brien; Mr. and Mrs. T. Sneddon; Mick O'Hara; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayes; Mrs. E. Morley and family; A. Condron and friends; Mr. Hal. Hooker; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bartman; Wickham District Cricket Club; Nev. Hughes; Mayor, Aldermen, and Officers Carrington Council; Mr. and Mrs. E. Evans and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. Owens and family; Broadmeadow Rugby League Club; Mrs. Cooper and family (Wickham); Mr. and Mrs. A. Lott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brookes and family; Max Neli and family (Hamilton); Mr. Williams and family (Carrington); Vickers' Commonwealth Steel Products Yearly Club; Northern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club; the men at Wulah Island; Mrs. H. Frewin and family; Northern Suburbs Rugby League Football Club; Ladies' Committee Northern Suburbs Rugby League Football Club; Maitland United Rugby League Football Club.