

Leslie George Young

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**NEWPORT MAN KILLED
IN LONDON ROAD CRASH**

R.A.F. HONOURS AT FUNERAL

The funeral took place at St. Paul's Church, Newport, on Monday, of Corporal Leslie George Young, R.A.F., aged 24, whose death followed a road accident in London occurred on September 9th. The second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Young, of 56 Fairlee Road, Corporal Young was travelling from High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, where he was stationed, to spend 10 days leave with his wife at her home in Romford, when he was involved in an accident on the North Circular Road at Ealing. His motor cycle skidded on a patch of oil and an oncoming car driven by Mr. George Devine, an actor, was unable to avoid the collision. It was one of five accidents that occurred on that stretch of road on the same day.

Corporal Young died almost immediately from severe laceration to the brain, in spite of the fact that he was wearing a crash helmet. A verdict of accidental death was returned at the mainland inquest when the Coroner (Mr. J. A. Gorsky) commented on the helmet as resembling paper mache. The police agreed. Corporal Young had worn the helmet, at the request of his wife, since he bought the machine in May 1954, after his return from the Canal Zone where he had completed two and a half years service. Although it was his first motor cycle he was a capable motorist with considerable experience.

Born in Newport and educated at Barton School, he attended St. Paul's Sunday-school and sang in the Church choir. He was also a keen member of the local Air Training Corps Squadron in which he was a corporal. His first job was at the Police Station Garage and during this time he played football and cricket with the police. He joined the R.A.F. on a seven years engagement which would have been finished in November, when he planned to find work as a garage mechanic and eventually buy his own business. He was married in Romford last November.

Officers and men from his Motor Transport section at High Wycombe acted as pall bearers at their own request and the many floral tributes included wreaths from his commanding officer and other ranks, the Motor Transport section, the Corporals' Club, and his billet.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley). The family mourners were Mrs. L. G. Young (widow), Mr. and Mrs. H. Young (parents), Mr. and Mrs. L. Greeve (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. P. Young (brother), Mr. and Mrs. D. Ward (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. H. W. Young (sister-in-law) also representing Corporal H. W. Young, R.A.F., on active service in Iraq (brother), Miss M. J. Dyer (half sister), Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pell (father and mother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. L. Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. W. Young (uncles and aunts), Mr. G. Young (uncle) also representing Mrs. Young, Mrs. F. Webb (aunt) also representing Mr. Webb, Mrs. O. Brett (aunt) also representing Mr. E. Brett (cousin), and Miss E. Orchard (cousin). Mr. H. L. Dyer (uncle) and Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds (cousins) were unable to attend.

Interment was at St. Paul's Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.