

GRAVE OF THE MONTH

Henry Arthur Reginald Couch Burden 1907 - 1912

Henry was killed in a tragic accident on the Andover Road. He ran out into the road as a traction engine



drawing two furniture vans was travelling slowly towards town. The NWN reports, *"By some means - it seems almost impossible - a little fellow of six years got between the vans and was endeavouring to get up and ride on the connecting bar. He was swinging for a time, then fell back underneath the van. The*

wheels passed over his head, crushing the skull, and mercifully death was instantaneous. The traction engine and vans were the property Messrs. Wright and Pankhurst." At the inquest the jury were agreed that the death was accidentally caused, and exonerated the driver from all blame. The funeral expenses were generously borne by Mr Wright, the owner of the traction engine. The top tier on the memorial stone reads 'In loving Memory of our little son.'



Stanley Burden, Henry's younger brother is also interred in the grave.

He died in Newbury hospital aged 18 years in 1928.