

# Popular Family Bereaved

## Death of Corporal P. Mackey

The announcement of the death of Cpl. Patrick Mackey, which took place at Mallow Military Hospital on Wednesday, caused a profound shock, not alone in the city and county, but throughout the length and breadth of the country. The third son of Mr John Mackey, Co C, Castleconnell, the deceased, although then in his teens, and just left school, answered the call in his country's defence, and joined the National Army in 1939. Like his brothers, the famous hurling stars, Mick and John, Pat also was a notable wielder of the camán, figuring in many National League games, while he was a reserve in the team which won the All-Ireland Championship from Kilkenny last year. A quiet, unassuming young man, Cpl. Mackey was held in the highest esteem wherever he associated, and his death in his 21st year, has cast a deep gloom over his native district, sympathy universal and sincere being extended to his sorrowing parents and family.

The remains were removed on Thursday evening from Mallow Military Hospital to Castleconnell Church. A military escort from Collins Barracks, Cork, accompanied the remains, the coffin being draped in the tricolour. The church was packed to capacity, and many people were unable to gain admittance. Rev Fr. T Daffey, O.C., recited the Mass.

Amongst those present were—Very Rev E Panch, Chairman Limerick Co. G.A.A. Board; D Lanigan, Capt. Cassidy, Lieuts. Kennedy and Davoran, members of the Limerick Co. Council and other public bodies, the Limerick All Ireland hurling team. Armed L.D.F. men under Group Leader E Delaney, formed a guard of honour at the church.

The funeral at Castleconnell Cemetery on Friday afternoon was of huge proportions, probably one of the largest of its kind ever seen in the district.