

GALLUP CHILD'S DEATH
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BIRCHINGTON FATALITY
LITTLE GIRL'S SAD DEATH

A tragic road accident in which the life of a six-year-old child was lost, cast a gloom over Birchington on Tuesday. The victim of the accident was Mavis Anne Dulcie Gallup, daughter of Mr E. S. Gallup, a motor driver of 15 Hillbrow Terrace, Birchington.

It appears that the child was returning home from school shortly before four o'clock with a little boy named Percival Ernest Wood of 17 Hillbrow Terrace. They had reached the bottom of the hill on the main Canterbury Road, when the boy ran across the road, closely followed by the girl, who was knocked down by a lorry owned by Messrs Jackson & Smith of Maidstone and driven by William John Tester of Grove Road, Mangravet, Maidstone.

The lorry was returning from Margate to Maidstone and although the driver swerved in an effort to avoid the child, one of the front wheels ran over her. Dr. E. F. Bernier of Margate, who was riding in a car behind the lorry, rendered what assistance he could, but the little girl died immediately on arrival at the Margate Cottage Hospital, where she was taken in the Birchington ambulance.

At the time of the accident her mother was attending a meeting of the welfare centre in Church House and she was immediately summoned. The girl died in her mother's arms. An inquest will be held, conducted by the Margate Borough Coroner (Mr S. J. Wilson-Price) and a jury this (Friday) evening. The funeral has been provisionally arranged to take place in Birchington Churchyard tomorrow afternoon.



Birchington Ambulance in 1929



Mavis Gallup's grave in All Saints churchyard (photo 2009).

**"IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAVIS ANNIE GALLUP
DIED APRIL 30TH 1930
AGED 6 YEARS 11 MONTHS
JESUS SUDDENLY CALLED HER HOME"**