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Tram Terror

Special points of interest:

- Tram corporation holding memorial service for dead relatives
- Relatives receive compensation
- Injured people get free hospital bill

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In the early hours of yesterday morning the Burton to Ashby tram rolled out of control, resulting in many injuries. This incident occurred on the 8th of October 1919 at approximately 11:30 in the morning on Bearwood Hill.

16 passengers were taken to Queens Hospital and sadly 2 died, 1 passenger and the conductor, Miss Lillian Parker, died, after being pinned un-



der the tram. We asked an eyewitness, Joe Pearsol to tell us his story, he quoted I heard a bang

and felt a rumble under my feet I was scared and I ran to my house, I then heard a piercing scream.

The relatives of the deceased are holding a memorial service. The tram will be checked then scrapped, never to be used again.