

MOTOR-CYCLE AND TRAM COLLIDE

Two Soldiers Injured.

As a result of a collision between a motor-cycle and an electric tram car, which occurred in Glenferrie road, Malvern, on Saturday night, two soldiers now lie in military hospitals, and one of them is in a critical condition.

On Saturday evening Gunner Samuel Ethingrove, a nephew of Mr. Meyer, of Fulton street, St. Kilda, attached to the Maribyrnong camp, set out on a motor-cycle along Glenferrie road with a companion, Gunner William Cowan, of Alma grove, East St. Kilda, as a passenger in the sidecar. All went well until they approached the tramway depot, and at this point Ethingrove altered his course to avoid a tramcar which was coming towards them. He acted on the assumption that the tram would proceed on its way, but instead of doing so it turned to enter the depot. In swerving quickly to avoid it the motor-cycle crashed into another tramcar, and both of the young men were hurled to the ground. When picked up Ethingrove was unconscious, and on being hurried to the Caulfield Military Hospital it was found that he had sustained concussion of the brain and a fractured skull. The seriousness of his injuries prompted Colonel G. A. Syme and Major Brown, two of the senior resident surgeons, to perform an operation on Sunday, but up to a late hour last night the patient had not regained consciousness, and was still in a dangerous state. Gunner Cowan had his arm broken, and was admitted to the Base Hospital.