## **Frederick James Clarke**

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## NEWPORT

Salvationist's Death.--Mr. Frederick James Clarke, aged 74, of 69 Castle Road, who died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Monday week, was widely known for his work as a member of the local corps of the Salvation Army and as Island representative of the Salvation Army Assurance Company for over 30 years. Born in Wales, he came to the Island as a child when his father secured a position here as a railwayman. He joined the local corps of the Salvation Army as a youth. During the 1914-18 war he was a gunner serving on the Italian front. He had been employed for a short period at the local branch of the International Stores before commencing his career with the assurance company in 1914. During the last war he was songster leader and bandmaster, and was deputy songster leader until his retirement a few months ago. The funeral service at the Salvation Army Citadel on Friday week was conducted by Captain E. Kelly (commanding officer). The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Clarke (son and daughter-in-law), Miss J. Clarke (grand-daughter), Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarke (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. T. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarke (nephews and nieces), Mr. P. Kisser, and Mrs. R. Groves. In addition, many members of the Salvation Army were present. Floral tributes were received from the Newport and Ryde corps, Salvation Army, Portsmouth and District branch of the Salvation Army Assurance Company, and from friends and neighbours. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery in the grave of his wife, who died in 1945. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton made the arrangements. A memorial service was held in the citadel on Sunday evening when Bandsmen W. Mackett and H. Rugg took part and tributes were paid by Mrs. E. R. Stagg (retired secretary of the Home League), Captain Kelly, and Mr. J. R. Toogood. The Ryde band led the singing of the hymn "Promotion to glory."

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