

Kenneth Fry

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DEATH OF MR. KENNETH FRY

Keen regret and deep sympathy with his relatives have been aroused by the very unexpected death of Sapper Kenneth Fry, R.E., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Fry, of Eridge, Drake-road, which occurred at the Boscombe Hospital on Tuesday. Mr. Fry, who was 28, joined the Hampshire Fortress R.E. Territorials in May of last year, and since the war broke out he has been serving in the Island. He was on a week's leave, visiting his wife's mother at Southbourne, Bournemouth, when he was taken suddenly ill and removed to hospital. He was an Old Grammarian, and for some 12 years had been a member of the staff of the Westminster Bank, engaged successively in the Channel Islands and at Southampton and Bournemouth. Four years ago he married Miss Rene Newcombe, of Stafford, who is left with one daughter nearly three years of age. The funeral will take place at Carisbrooke Cemetery this (Saturday) afternoon at 3.45.

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NEWPORT

FULL MILITARY HONOURS

Full military honours were accorded by his unit at the funeral in Carisbrooke Cemetery on Saturday of Sapper Kenneth Fry, of a Hampshire Field Co., R.E., whose unexpected death while on a few days' leave at Bournemouth was recorded in our last issue. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and a wealth of floral tributes. Capt. J. C. West represented the commanding officer of the Company, which also supplied a firing party and escort under the command of 2nd Lieut. Remington. A bugler of the Hampshire Regiment sounded the Last Post and Reveillé.

The deceased's father (Mr. A. C. Fry) conducted the services in the Cemetery Chapel and at the grave. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fry (parents), Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fry (brother and sister-in law), Mrs. Newcombe (mother-in-law), Mr. R. Newcombe (brother-in-law), Mesdames F. and P. Fry (aunts), Mr. A. P. Knight (uncle), Mrs. W. Reynolds, Mrs. A. Kilmartin, and Mr. B. R. Knight (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Huck, Mrs. Midlane, Mr. F. H. Burgess, and Mr. A. B. Gould.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hendicott, Mr. and Mrs. E. Munt, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mesdames Elliott, Buttery, Medwin, and Heal, Miss Alexander, and Messrs. G. Cooper, H. F. Payn, J. Weeks, and W. G. Sibbick. One large wreath bearing the colours of the Royal Engineers was inscribed "With the deepest sympathy from the officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.s and men of the Hampshire Field Co., R.E.," another was inscribed, "With sincere sympathy and regret from the staff of the Westminster Bank, Bournemouth," where the deceased was employed before being called up as a Territorial at the outbreak of the war, and there were about 30 other floral tributes. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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