

William Edgar Burnard

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NEWPORT

Death of Customs Officer.- The death occurred on Tuesday at St. Mary's Hospital, of Mr. William Edgar Burnard, aged 59, of 41 Fairlee Road. Mr. Burnard, who returned to the town in April, 1941, was due to retire at the end of this month. He had been in bad health since Easter. During the first world war he served in the postal section of the Royal Fusiliers and between 1915 and 1919 was twice mentioned in despatches. During these years he was stationed in the Middle East and was afterwards awarded the M.S.M. and the Serbian silver medal. When demobilised in 1919, he joined the staff of Customs and Excise, working in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Newhaven, London, and finally in Newport. Mr. Burnard lived with his sister, Miss D. M. Burnard, the assistant town clerk. The funeral took place yesterday at St. Paul's Church.

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The Late Mr. William Edgar Burnard.- The funeral took place on Friday week of Mr. William Edgar Burnard, of 41 Fairlee Road, officer of Customs and Excise, whose death, which occurred suddenly on Tuesday week at St. Mary's Hospital, was reported last week. A service at St. Paul's Church, Barton, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) preceded interment at Newport Cemetery. Mr. L. E. Dore (organist), accompanied the hymns "Thy will be done" and "Abide with me." The family mourners were Miss D. M. Burnard (sister), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Heathfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrews (cousins), Mrs. J. H. Bull (aunt), Mr. R. Bull, Mrs. A. Fosbrooke and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mills (cousins) and Mr. and Mrs. Lipscombe. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Howard and Mr. A Fosbrooke were unable to attend. There were also present Mr. A. W. Bull, Mrs. G. Drudge, and representing the Customs and Excise, Messrs. R. O. Wilkinson (Surveyor 1st District Portsmouth), J. W. R. Horsburgh (officer, Newport), and L. O. Charlwood (Shanklin), and former officers Messrs. G. L. Gibbs, L. W. Platt, and F. J. Tunmer. Those also attending included representatives of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton and Co. Ltd., and the Newport Employment Exchange, and many friends. The floral tributes included wreaths from colleagues at the Customs, the Customs and Excise Federation, Mr. H. E. Harvey (Mayor), Mr. W. R. Wilks (town clerk) and Mrs. Wilks, and friends of the Municipal Offices, and neighbours at Fairlee. The arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

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