

Kenneth Lawrence Brimson

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Death Follows Football Injuries.

YOUNG NEWPORT PLAYER'S FATE.

The death has occurred under rather unusual circumstances of Mr. Kenneth Lawrence Brimson, aged 23, third son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brimson, of 38 Fairlee Road, Newport. While playing football for Parkhurst Old Boys some time ago he received a kick in the head, and in the last game of the season was again kicked in the head in a match against West Wight. Just over a week ago he was taken to the London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, where he died on Sunday.

At an inquest in London on Monday the verdict was that death was due to tubercular meningitis, accelerated by blows on the head.

Mr. Brimson was a pupil at Barton School, and since leaving there he had been employed by Ranalah at their Wootton and Shanklin works. He was called up in 1943, and served for three years in the Royal Navy. He had played football for Barton Old Boys, Parkhurst Old Boys, and the Newport St. Thomas's Bible Class Clubs. Much sympathy is felt with Mr. and Mrs. Brimson and family in their sad bereavement.

The respect in which he was held was shown by the large congregation attending the funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Barton, on Wednesday. The Vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) officiated, and Mr. L. E. Dore accompanied the singing of the hymns. The bearers were Messrs. J. A. Norris, G. J. Wilman, L. B. Linington, H. Shaw, L. White, and T. Seymour (fellow employees at Ranalah). The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. G. Brimson (parents), Messrs. G. R. and I. Brimson (brothers), Mr. R. Brimson and Mr. and Mrs. E. Harley (grandparents), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunt and Messrs. C. W. Bell, R. C. Daish, and C. and E. Brimson (uncles and aunt), and Mr. J. Extance (cousin). Others present included Mesdames D. Coombes, W. Bishop, M. Young, M. Mew, I. Hayter, E. Langley, S. Perriton, C. Stowe, I. Barber, F. Croucher, W. A. Cheverton, A. Murphey, and S. V. Croucher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell, Miss M. Dyer, and Mr. G. Norman, C.C. The I.W. Referees' Association was represented by Mr. Long, the Carisbrooke F.C. by Mr. A. W. Hughes, the office staff of the Newport Railway Station and the assistant Railway Superintendent for the Island by Messrs. E. C. Prismall and W. E. Mason, the Parkhurst Old Boys F.C. by Messrs. R. Spall, F. Barber, B. Tuckwell, and S. and F. Barton, and the Newport St. Thomas's Bible Class by Canon W. B. Hogg (president) and Messrs. F. Chiverton (leader), G. Chambers, P. Blow, and J. Arthur.

The interment was at Newport Cemetery. Over 30 floral tributes included those from the management of Ranalah, Wootton; fellow workers at Ranalah; fellow workers at Skew Bridge Works, Shanklin; the Parkhurst Old Boys F.C.; the Newport St. Thomas's Bible Class; the Freemason's Inn Dart Club; and friends at 66 Nodehill, Newport.

Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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