

## Charles Edward French

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### NEWPORT

**The Late Mr. C. E. French.**--The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Charles Edward French, aged 50, of 27 Home Meade, whose death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital the previous Monday. For 27 years Mr. French had worked for British Railways locally. He served for seven years in the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and during the last war was officially commended for his service as company sergeant-major drill instructor for the Island Home Guard. He remained on the Royal Engineer Army Reserve up to the time before his death. He had also been a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for 20 years. The service at St. Paul's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley). The mourners were Mr. J. E. French (son), Mr. G. French (brother), Mr. L. Burfutt (nephew), Messrs. E. Mackett, F. Mayne, L. France, and D. McKechnie (brothers-in-law), Mr. B. Jones (nephew), and Mr. C. Church. Among the floral tributes were those from friends and neighbours of the Pan Estate and School Lane, Barton, his mates from the Newport and Ryde sections of the British Railways, and the Newport Racing Pigeon Society. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Sons.

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