

Bertie Leigh

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NEWPORT

THE LATE MR. B. LEIGH

The death occurred at his home, 59 Victoria Road, on Saturday of Mr. Bertie Leigh, aged 67. Mr. Leigh, who had been in failing health for some time, had been employed for 51 years at the Royal Brewery. During the first world war he served as a musketry instructor and for many years before the war he was a sergeant in Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles. A member of the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion from its inception, he occupied the office of branch auditor from 1922-39, and, after membership of the executive committee, was elected as a vice-president in 1947. He also filled various offices in the local Court of Foresters. Mr. Leigh was a widower, and survived by a son and daughter, to whom sympathy is extended.

The funeral service took place at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, the Vicar (the Rev. L.J.D. Wheatley) officiating. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and at the interment in the Cemetery poppies were dropped into the grave by members of the British Legion. The family mourners were Mr. S.C. Leigh (son), Miss E.M. Leigh (daughter), Messrs. F.A. Sampson and E.B. Newnham (brothers-in-law), Miss E. Leigh (also representing Mrs. F. Leigh, sister-in-law), and Mesdames E. Hendy and H.J. Pardey and E.T. Boyce. Mr. D. Leigh (brother) and Mesdames J. Salter and E.B. Newnham (sisters) were unable to attend owing to indisposition.

Others attending included Mr. C. Pragnell (representing the Dolphin Darts Club) and Mrs. S.J. Pragnell (representing the Dolphin Thrift Club) and Messrs J.H. Mew, N.L. Cutlack, C.D. Seabroke, A.A. Lewis, E.H. Abraham, W.J. Agate, V. Elkins, L. Hunt, G. Beach, C. Anderson, V. Long, C.R. Brimson, C. Cousins, and B. Newman, Miss E. Gulliver, and Mr. W. Attrill (representing the Royal Brewery), Messrs. E.C. Pearson (chairman), W.H. Baker, E.A. Gray, W.O. Minns, W.G. Rodway, A.B. Shaw, H. Webb, and A.T. Smith (vice-presidents), E.J. Bartlett (standard-bearer), E.F. Millgate, L. Berridge, A. Balchin, A. May, A.J. Harris, G. Blue, and J.W. Coare (representing the British Legion), Bros. J. Clarke (district secretary), W.M. Spanner (court secretary), H. Way, G. Matthews, A.J. Williams, and W. Fuller (representing the Island Foresters), Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Sprake, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pragnell and Mrs. Axhorn.

The wreaths included those from the directors of Messrs. W.B. Mew, Langton, and Company; the office staff of the Royal Brewery; fellow employees at the Brewery; the British Legion; and friends and neighbours of Victoria Road. Messrs. O.C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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