

## **Edmond Cunningham Costello**

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**Death of Lieut.-Col. E. C. Costello.**----The death took place at St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday of Lieut.-Col. Edmond Cunningham Costello, of St. Michael's, Nodgham Lane, aged 49. He had been seriously ill since he fell in his garden on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and had been a patient at the Royal I.W. County Hospital. The facts were reported to the Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster). A post mortem revealed that death was due to cerebral atheroma and a small fracture of the skull, and an inquest was unnecessary. Col. Costello was born in Malta and served for 23 years in the Army Educational Corps, much of his service being in India. He came to the Island in 1948 on his release from the Army, and was for a time on the staff of the Newport Grammar School. Since October, 1949, he had been teaching at the Denmark Road Junior School, Cowes, after a brief period as civilian school-master at Albany Barracks, Parkhurst.

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**The Late Lieut.-Col. E. C. Costello.**---The funeral of Lieut.-Col. E. C. Costello took place at St. Thomas's R. C. Church, Newport, on Saturday, when the Rev. Fr. R. Goold celebrated Requiem Mass. The mourners were Mrs. Costello (widow), Messrs. R. and W. Costello (sons), Mesdames E. Cooke and R. Hart (sisters), Mr. J. Humphreys (brother-in-law), and Mr. J. R. Toogood. Others present included Mr. P. J. Lee (deputy education officer, representing the Education Committee), Mr. K. A. L. Killeen (the staff of the Education Department, County Hall), Mr. J. Crossfield (County Teachers' Association), Miss M. I. Bruton (head mistress) and Messrs. D. J. Langridge and J. J. Sullivan, Mrs. Catton, and the Misses Jones, Kite, Hewitt, Parker, and Sloacombe (Cowes Denmark Road County Junior School), Messrs. Budd and Hobbs (Denmark Road County Junior School Parents-Teachers' Association). Newport Grammar School was represented by Major P. W. F. Erith (head master), D. Biles (head boy), and Sergt. M. Brimson (Combined Cadet Force), and members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Newport Wolf Cub Pack also attended. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The floral tributes included those from the County Teachers' Association; the staff and scholars of the Cowes Denmark Road County Junior School; the staff, boys, and cadets of Newport Grammar School; and the 5<sup>th</sup> Newport Wolf Cub Pack. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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