

Brenda Mary Dowdall

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SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. J. J. DOWDALL

News of the sudden death of Mrs. Brenda Mary Dowdall, aged 52, wife of Dr. J. J. Dowdall, of Bedford Lodge, Carisbrooke Road, Newport, has occasioned deep regret in the district, where she was held in high esteem. Mrs. Dowdall was shopping on Tuesday morning, but was taken seriously ill on her return home, and died early on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dowdall, who belonged to Dublin, had resided for the whole of her married life at Bedford Lodge, her husband having practised in the district for three years prior to their marriage in 1923. She was well known as a lady of charm and energy, with a flair for organisation, and her services were readily placed at the disposal of many good causes. Mrs. Dowdall was associated with the A.R.P. organisation as a warden and ambulance driver in the early days of the last war, later becoming the driver of a W.V.S. mobile canteen. She had furthered the Girl Guide movement, both as a leading member of the local association, and, since the illness and death of Miss M. G. Scott some five years ago, as the honorary treasurer of the Island Girl Guide Association. The garden of Bedford Lodge was annually made available to the Newport Guides for their summer fete, which she took a leading part in arranging. Mrs. Dowdall was specially well known for her work for the Red Cross, being divisional president for the Newport area, and leader of the Newport associates. She ran a weekly working party for the linen league, and assisted behind the scenes in scores of ways, being specially interested in the promotion of the Red Cross exhibition due to take place at Newport next week, which has been an annual event since the war.

The funeral has been arranged to take place privately this morning, following a Requiem Mass at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Newport.

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The Late Mrs. J. J. Dowdall ---- The funeral of Mrs. Brenda Mary Dowdall, wife of Dr. J. J. Dowdall, who died on Wednesday week, took place privately on Saturday, Requiem Mass at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, preceding interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Mass was said by Fr. P. McCarron, of Quarr Abbey, assisted by the curate-in-charge Fr. Murphy O'Connor. The mourners were Dr. J. J. Dowdall (husband), Dr. and Mrs. D. O'Brien (son-in-law and daughter), and Mrs. D. Bulger and Miss P. Tunney (sisters). Mrs. P. Fowkes (daughter) was prevented from attending by illness. The floral

tributes included those from the I.W. Girl Guides Association; the Newport District Guides Association; local Guides, Rangers and Brownies; the Catholic Brownies; I.W. Branch of the British Red Cross Society; the Newport organisation of the British Red Cross Society; and the I.W. Hospital Linen Guild. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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