

Charles Gould

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PARKHURST

Obituary.-It is with regret that we record the death on Monday, at the early age of 42, in the County Hospital, of Prison-Officer C. Gould. Deceased, who joined up for service during the war, was posted to the Dorset Regiment, and while on active service in France was wounded three times, the third occasion necessitating the amputation of a leg. On being discharged from the Army he rejoined the Prison service, and was appointed gatekeeper at Parkhurst Prison, a position which he held until some five months ago, when he was admitted to hospital suffering from an obscure malady. This failed to yield to treatment, and in consequence he was about to be superannuated from the Prison service on medical grounds when death intervened as stated. Gradual poisoning set in, and he died from toxemia, leaving a widow and three young children to mourn his loss.

He had made many friends in his official position, and his extreme courtesy to all who had business at the Prison was the subject of general comment. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday), when semi-military honours were accorded by the 43rd Light Infantry. A large number of prison officers from Parkhurst and Camp Hill Prisons walked in the procession to Carisbrooke Cemetery, where a short service was conducted in the chapel by the Rev. T. L. Kember (chaplain), the coffin being covered with the Union Jack.

The personal mourners were the widow, Mr. C. Gould (father), Messrs. T. and C. Gould (brothers), Mrs. Rose (sister), and Mrs. M. Gould (sister-in-law), Lieut.-Col. H. M. A. Hales (Governor of Parkhurst Prison) attended, and the Prison staff was represented by Officer T. R. Thomas, Principal Officers S. B. Davis, A. Fry, and W. Thomas heading the 18 officers from Parkhurst, who also included Engineer Wright. The staff at Camp Hill Prison was represented by Officer J. Parsons, P.O. W.J. Hounsell, Engineer Williams, and brother officers. Bugles Taylor, of the 43rd Light Infantry, sounded the Last Post at the graveside.

The beautiful floral tributes included those inscribed 'With sincere regret from Lieut-Col. and Mrs. Hales,' 'With deep sympathy from the officers and staff of H.M. Prison Camp Hill,' and 'With deepest sympathy from his fellow officers at Parkhurst.'

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