

Frederick Robert Guy

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DEATH OF MR. F. GUY, OF NEWPORT.

SOLICITOR'S MANAGING CLERK AND PROMINENT LEGIONIST.

By the death on Sunday of Mr. Frederick Guy, of Normanhurst, Priory-road, Carisbrooke, the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion has lost one of its leading members who, as secretary for many years, never spared himself in his work for the welfare of ex-Servicemen. He combined great ability with a loyal devotion to the cause, and was regarded by headquarters as one of the most efficient secretaries in the country.

Mr. Guy's death is all the more tragic as he was making progress following a breakdown in health last January, and on the day before his death had travelled from the Island to a convalescent home at Herne Bay. He seemed to stand the strain of the journey well, but during the evening he had a relapse and passed away at the home on the following day. Fifty-one years of age, he was a Southampton man, and in 1903 entered the service of Messrs. Lamport, Bassitt and Hiscock, solicitors of that town. Some 30 years ago he was transferred to their Island office, of which he has been the able managing clerk for many years. He was held in the highest regard by his employers. During the war Mr. Guy served with the Royal Field Artillery. In 1931 he succeeded Mr. W. H. Wadham as clerk to the Carisbrooke Parish Council, but had to give up these duties when the parish became part of the borough of Newport in 1933. Besides the widow a son and daughter are left in bereavement.

The Funeral.

The very large attendance at the funeral service at Carisbrooke Parish Church on Thursday bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held. About 50 members of the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion and some 20 members of the women's section of the branch, with their banners, formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the churchyard, and those also attending included county officials of the Legion and members of other branches, many of those with whom Mr. Guy was professionally associated, and numerous other friends.

The Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (curate), who officiated at the church in the absence of the vicar (the Rev. H. Ewbank) paid a sincere tribute to the deceased's labours for his fellow men, particularly in the British Legion, and said he literally wore himself out in the service of others. He was so modest and reserved that only those in close touch with him could fully appreciate the fullness of his example of uprightness, faithfulness, and self sacrifice. Assuredly he had heard the Master's "Well done." The church choir, with Mr. G. R. Barrett at the organ, led the chanting of the 23rd Psalm and the singing of the hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." The chief mourners were the widow, Miss J. Guy (daughter), Mr. R. Guy (son), Mr. W. Guy (father), Messrs. L. & G. Guy (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. H. Rugg and Mr. and Mrs. J. Sibbick (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Messrs. R. Floyd and

C. Prince (brothers-in-law), and Messrs. C. F. Hiscock and L. W. Chetwood (of Messrs. Lamport, Bassitt and Hiscock). Although the state of his health prevented him attending, Capt. H. G. Adams-Connor, C.V.O., D.L., stood outside his residence at Cedar-hill and saluted the remains as the cortege passed to the cemetery.

(Only main mourners transcribed)

Members of the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the Legion formed another guard of honour at the cemetery, where the committal was conducted by the Rev. J. W. F. Wayet, and there were about 50 floral tributes.

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