

Harold Kentfield

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FIRE GUARD'S SUDDEN DEATH. - Mr. Harold Kentfield, of 1 Terrace-road, an employee of Messrs. Westmore, Ltd., coal merchants, was found dead in his bed at the firm's offices, Church-litten, early on Tuesday by a colleague, Mr. George Dyer, of Godshill, who was his companion on Fire Guard duty during the night. The two men were talking up to 11.30 on the previous night when they went to their bunks in separate offices. At about 4.30 a.m. Dyer went into the office where Kentfield was sleeping to see the time as his own clock had stopped and found that he had passed away. Kentfield had made no complaint of his health on the previous night, and he had not been medically attended for over 20 years. The Deputy Coroner ordered a post mortem examination, which disclosed that death was due to natural causes and no inquest was necessary.

Mr. Kentfield had been in the employ of Westmore, Ltd., for about 20 years and was well known in the town as the driver of one of their delivery vans. He leaves an invalid widow and a family of three sons and a daughter, with whom much sympathy is felt in their tragically sudden bereavement. The deceased served with the Royal Field Artillery in France during the last war, and his two elder sons are on active service, one in the Royal Navy and the other in the Royal Sussex Regiment in the Middle East. The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon in Carisbrooke Cemetery at 2 p.m.

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THE LATE MR. H. KENTFIELD. - The funeral of Mr. H. Kentfield, of 1 Terrace-road, whose death occurred suddenly last week while he was on Fire Guard duty at the premises of his employers, Westmore, Ltd., took place on Saturday in Carisbrooke Cemetery, the Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D.) officiating. The chief mourners were Mr. G. Kentfield, R.N. (son), Messrs. G. and P. Kentfield (brothers), Messrs. C. and G. Grimes (brothers-in-law), and Mr. W. Lowe (cousin). Also present were the following representatives of Westmore Ltd.: Messrs. A. W. Bull (director), A. Connolly (chief clerk), H. Hardy (traffic manager), E. Russell, G. Downer, W. Bricknell, A. Deacon, M. White, and G. Cormack (fellow drivers), H. Howard, A. Burt, W. Cass, H. Le Count, and G. Scovell. Mesdames Howard and Rees were also present. The floral tributes included wreaths from the directors of Westmore Ltd. and his fellow workers. Mr. H. Parnell made the arrangements.

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