

Cecil Peck

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Death of Retired Prison Officer.- The death occurred at his home on Monday of Mr. Cecil Peck, aged 75, of Carnetic, 103 Horsebridge Hill. A native of Norwich, Mr. Peck came to the Island in 1921, when he joined H.M. Prison Service at Parkhurst. He had previously been with the Royal Navy since 1895. He served throughout the South African and 1914-18 wars and was a Chief Petty Officer when he retired in 1920. Mr. Peck was among the first to serve in the Holland type boat, which was the original class of submarine. During the first world war he narrowly escaped death when the torpedo boat in which he was serving was cut in two at Gibraltar and he was one of the eight members of the crew rescued. Since his retirement from the prison service in 1936 his chief interest had been in his garden, where he made a special display of the roses which he grafted himself. Mr. Peck had been in poor health for about three months. He leaves a widow. The funeral service was held at Carisbrooke Cemetery Chapel on Thursday and was conducted by the Rev. L. D. J. Wheatley. The family mourners were Mr. B. Peck (brother), Mrs. E. Kewley (sister), Mr. and Mrs. R. Hackman and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Churcher (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jones (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. F. Churcher (brother-in-law), and Messrs. W. Osborne, sen., W. Osborne jun., and J. Thompson. The floral tributes included one from the Governor and staff of Parkhurst Prison. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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