

## **George Hedley Simpson**

**Isle of Wight County Press – 30 May 1931**

### **NEWPORT**

**DEATH OF LOCAL TRADESMAN.** – We regret to record the death, which took place at his residence, 81 Upper St. James's-street, early yesterday (Friday) morning, of Mr. George Hedley Simpson, a well known and esteemed local tradesman, at the age of 33. Deceased, who for some time had been in ill-health, was a native of Burnley, Lancs., and a few years ago established a motor tyre business in the Island with headquarters at Newport. A man of unflinching courtesy and keen business ability, Mr. Simpson was well known throughout the Island, and the sympathy of a large number of customers and friends will be extended to his widow and infant daughter in their sad loss. The funeral takes place on Monday, the service being at St. John's Church at 2 o'clock.

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### **NEWPORT**

**THE LATE MR. G. H. SIMPSON**, - whose lamented death was briefly recorded last week at the age of 33, was a native of Burnley, Lancashire, who joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> London Regiment at an early age on leaving the Burnley Grammar School and served on the Western Front during the war. He was badly wounded at Passchendaele and discharged from the Army in 1918. In consequence of his wound he developed chest trouble, and, following only partly successful treatment in the Island, decided some 3 ½ years ago to open in Newport the motor-tyre business in which he was so successful, in spite of the inroads which disease made upon his vitality. Of an ever-cheerful disposition he will be greatly missed amongst his many friends and business acquaintances. The funeral took place on Monday, the service at St. John's Church being conducted by the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar). The cross of Flanders poppies rested on the coffin as a tribute from the widow, deceased having been keenly interested in the work of the British Legion. The family mourners were Mrs. Simpson (widow), Miss Beatrice Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Bowden, and Mr. and Mrs. Tattersall, and there were also present Mr. and Mrs. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Atkey, Messrs. Oxborrow, Green, and Carwardine (friends), and Messrs. Worthington (representing the India Tyre Co.) and Wood (representing the Pirelli Tyre Co.). Among others present were Miss D. Biles, Messrs. J. Kirby, jun., J. Cooper, F. P. Spencer, G. H. Snellgrove, F. Morgan, H. W. Minns, R. C. Cragg, P. Raymond, A. P. Brinsford, E. W. Woodall, and G. E. Tomlinson, and Mr. H. F. Heaton (representing the branch of the Midland Bank). The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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### **A WAR VICTIM**

#### **BURNLEY MAN'S DEATH IN ISLE OF WIGHT**

The death occurred yesterday week, at his home in Newport, Isle of Wight, of Mr. George Hedley Simpson, whose uncle, Mr. Turpin Simpson, founded the house furnishing business in Colne-road, in which Mr. Simpson and his father, Mr. William Simpson, were also engaged. He enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> London Regiment in 1914 when 16 years of age, going

straight from the Burnley Grammar School. He served in France, and was wounded at Passchendaele, being discharged in September 1918. He married Miss K. Angus, of Burnley, and had two children, the younger of whom died in infancy. Mr. Simpson worked for a time for Smith's contractors; Massey's Brewery; Stone's tyre factor; and then, in consequence of his wound, had to go into hospital again at Ventnor. When discharged from hospital he decided to start business as tyre factor in Newport, Isle of Wight, although far from being well. In spite of his old complaint making increasing inroads on his vitality, he succeeded in building up a flourishing business which his widow is carrying on. When in Burnley he was connected with the Briercliffe-road New Church, to which his family was attached. The interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery last Monday afternoon. Mr. Simpson was keenly interested in the British Legion, so Mrs. Simpson had a cross made of Flanders poppies. ...

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