

William Thomas Solloway

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. W. Solloway.- Many who enjoyed his cheerful companionship and entertainment on the stage will regret to hear of the death on Thursday at his residence, Valetta, Castle-road, of Mr. William Thomas Solloway, well known as a singer of humorous songs and as compere of the Soldier's Recreation-room concert party and other parties of entertainers. Mr. Solloway had been prominent in this way since the last war in which he served with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was wounded, losing an eye. He was also a popular member of Messrs. H. W. Morey and Son's staff. Early this year he underwent a serious operation and, although for a while his health improved, it failed again. He was 56 years of age and leaves a widow and three daughters with whom much sympathy is felt.

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The Late Mr. W. Solloway.- The funeral of Mr. William Solloway, of Valetta, Castle-road, late of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, well known as an entertainer, whose death at the age of 56 we recorded last week, was on Monday. A service was held in St. John's Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) officiated, and the interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery where the Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D.) officiated and read the R.A.O.B. oration. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. E. Marshall (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. S. H. Neill (son-in-law), Mrs. L. Alblaster and Mrs. R. Holland (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gustar, and Mr. P. Church (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Gustar (nephew and niece), Mr. E. Taylor (uncle), Mesdames C. Taylor and R. Baker (cousins), and Mr. F. Holbrook. Mesdames S. H. Neill and D. M. Jacobs (daughters) were unavoidably prevented from attending. Those also present in the church included the following representatives of Messrs. H. W. Morey and Sons, by whom Mr. Solloway was employed for many years: Mr. Alan B. Gould (representing Mr. H. H. Gould and the directors), Mr. W. B. Warne (secretary), Messrs. W. Measures, J. Hendy, S. Donan and A. Saunders (who acted as bearers), and Messrs. L. Williams, H. Green, W. Freeman, W. Saunders, W. Fuller, E. Pitman, A. Scovell, F. Cooper, and H. Farrington (employees), and Messrs. G. N. Rogers J.P., and G. F. Jones (former employees). The Services Recreation-rooms and Canteen Committee was represented by Messrs. G. C. Russell, J.P., C.C. (chairman), A. C. Early (hon. secretary), and H. Morris, the Services Canteen Party by Messrs. W. Peach (hon. secretary), E. J. Fairweather, J. Lindsay, and W. Ward, the Royal Warwickshire Regiment by Lieut. T. Keatley, and the R.A.O.B. by Brothers W. K. Baker, R.O.H., W. Ferguson, R.O.H. (secretary of the Knight's Chapter), F. Rees, R.O.H., J. A. Fryer, R.O.H., C. H. Frampton, R.O.H., and M. Caws, K.O.M., and others attending were Mesdames Fryer, Rackett, and Baker, and Messrs. W. G. Sibbick, J.P., C. Saunders, P. A. Appel, and J. R. Toogood. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.- Mrs. Solloway and family wish to thank all relatives, friends, Dr. Heathcote, management and staff of H. W. Morey Ltd., also members of the R.A.O.B. for kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes. Please accept this as the only intimation as letters are too numerous to answer.