

Ernest Scott Boxall

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The Late Mr. E. S. Boxall. - The death occurred recently at St. Mary's Hospital of Mr. Ernest Scott Boxall, of 28 Avondale-road, who throughout his working life was an esteemed employee of the I.W. Electric Light and Power Company until his health failed. Mr. J. H. Johns (late superintendent of the I.W. Power Station at Kingston) sends us the following appreciation of Mr. Boxall: "Never very robust, his health was failing in 1942 when he was a shift charge engineer at the power station at East Cowes, which supplied the Island with electricity. On the day following the severe raid on Cowes, in May, 1942 he was on duty up to 10 p.m. The staff was very depleted and most people in the neighbourhood firmly believed that the enemy would return again that night. Some of my staff absented themselves when the night shift took over, and the charge engineer was in a bad state of nervous exhaustion. Mr. Boxall stayed on until 11 p.m. and then came to me and said that if I would stay while he went home to arrange to get his aged mother to Newport he would come back and take over for the night. I tried to dissuade him, but he went off and returned again at about 1 a.m., for which I was very thankful, as I had been constantly at work for 34 hours. Anyone who experienced the terror of the night of the 4th - 5th May at Cowes will realise that this was a very brave act".

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