## **Ernest William Cogger**

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## **NEWPORT**

Mariner's Death.- The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Friday week of Mr. E. W. Cogger, of 7 Caesar's Road. Mr. Cogger, who was 70, was born at Carisbrooke, and after serving an apprenticeship as an engineer at the Lukely Works, Carisbrooke, went to sea, where he first served in liners, and then for 18 years in the yacht Narcissus, owned by Mr. Miller Munday. At the outbreak of the first world war the Narcissus was converted to a minesweeper, in which Mr. Cogger served throughout hostilities. During the second world war he returned to minesweeping. In October, 1941, his ship ran aground off the north coast of Scotland, where the crew were rescued after 36 hours, and then had to travel over 30 miles for shelter and food. This experience impaired his health and he retired. He was unmarried and lived with his sister, Miss A. M. Cogger. He was an early member of the local Court of Foresters and a member of the British legion. The funeral service at Carisbrooke Church on Tuesday was conducted by the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar of St. Paul's), and the mourners were Miss A. M. Cogger (sister), Mesdames O. Woodford and D. Hopkins (nieces), and Mr. W. Meirs. The many wreaths included one from the British Legion. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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