

Hilda Hillman Hawes

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SUDDEN DEATH OF NURSE HILDA HILLMAN HAWES

We much regret to announce that Nurse Hilda Hillman Hawes, lady superintendent of the Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachment, who since the outbreak of the war had been in charge of the A.R.P. first-aid personnel at the County-hall, died suddenly in the early hours of yesterday (Friday) at St. Mary's Hospital. Miss Hawes, who was 43 years of age, was carrying out her duties until a week ago, when she became indisposed with bronchial trouble. She was admitted to St Mary's Hospital during the week and was much better on Thursday, but was found to have died in her sleep when one of the hospital staff entered her room yesterday morning. Her death is a great loss to the V.A.D., in which she had taken a very helpful interest since she came to Newport eight years ago to be near her friend from school days, Miss Long, commandant of the detachment. Miss Hawes was a London lady. She qualified as a State Registered nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and after a time on the staff there she took up private nursing, in which she had also been engaged during her residence here. She was a valued worker at the Castlehold Baptist Church, where she was missionary secretary. Her professional skill and happy disposition had endeared her to all, and her sudden passing is much deplored.

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FUNERAL OF NURSE HAWES

The funeral of Nurse Hilda Hillman Hawes, lady superintendent of the Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachment, who had been in charge of A.R.P. first-aid personnel at the County-hall since the outbreak of war, took place on Monday, when the Revs. E.G. Need (pastor) and L. D. J. Wheatley officiated at the Castlehold Baptist Church and at Carisbrooke Cemetery. A large contingent of V.A.D.s formed a guard of honour as the coffin, draped with the red cross flag was taken into the church, and were present at the interment. Mrs. Pilcher, at the organ, played appropriate music as the congregation assembled and accompanied the hymn Lord Tennyson's "Crossing the bar," which was chosen in compliance with deceased's expressed wish. The Pastor, in beautifully chosen words, spoke of the warmth and radiance of the deceased's life and said how greatly she would be missed. The name Sister, by which she was frequently known, had meant something more than the professional meaning for her associates in the work of the V.A.D. and elsewhere. She was a good comrade. Mr. Need also spoke with feeling of the sense of loss felt among Churchpeople, for she was a devoted Christian woman. The mourners were Mr. Harold Hawes (brother), Miss Kathleen Hawes (sister), Mrs. C. Hawes (step-mother), Miss Joyce Hawes (step-sister), and Miss M.E. Long. There were many Red Cross representatives, including Capt. H. J. Ward (county director and controller I.W. branch British Red Cross Society), Lady Hobart (vice-president), and the following members of the Newport Detachment V.A.D.: The Misses Quinton (assistant commandant), Minns (ex-assistant commandant), Morgan (quartermaster), Cowdery

(assistant quartermaster), Sanders (section-leader), Thomas (section-leader), Coates, Harvey, Badcock, Maybe, Downham, Appel, Lock, Todd, G. Reynolds, D. Reynolds, Parker, Alabone, Linington, Harmes, Chiverton, Sprake, Martin, and Barnett, and Mesdames Curtis, Larby, Wills, Fry, Allen, Francis, Cooper, Walmsley, Heaton, Cook, Carr, Gibson, and Hart. Other V.A.D. representatives were Mesdames Waring and Leveson-Gower, of V.A.D. 100 (also representing Miss Waistell, assistant county director and controller, who was unavoidably detained, and Mrs. Mansfield, who was indisposed), and Mrs. Ernest Smith, of V.A.D. 300. Other mourners were: Nurse Cheverton, Mr. A. B. Shaw, M.B.E., (representing Dr. W. S. Wallace, M.C.), Mr. K. W. Johnston (A.R.P. officer, Newport), Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell (Mayor and Mayoress), Mr. and Mrs. F. H. J. Damp, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Holmes, Messrs. E. W. Tyler, C. Martin, C. Cassford, Cooper, F. Piper, E. A. Walmsley, C. H. Cowdery, C. A. Westmore, and F. J. Smith, Mesdames Dickson, Quinton, Eldridge, King, Abraham, Cassford, Sawyer, H. Morris, and Adams, the Misses Shalders, G. Parker, Urry, Abraham, Damp, Bicknell, Minns, and L. Abraham. The wreaths included tributes from Red Cross colleagues. The arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

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