

William Henry Jenner

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SUDDEN DEATH OF PARKHURST OFFICER

CONVICT RENDERS FIRST AID

With tragic suddenness death came to Prison Officer William Henry Jenner, aged 44, while carrying out his duties at Parkhurst Prison on Thursday. It appears that Mr. Jenner was marching a party of convicts into the prison for the mid-day meal, and while crossing the yard he was seized with a fit of severe coughing, which brought a haemorrhage of the lungs. A convict from his party was the first to go to his aid, followed by Officer W. Ward who was nearby, and Drs. J. M. Ahern (chief medical officer), and J. L. le C. Walker and J. W. O. Freeth (assistant medical officer), who were quickly called, but despite all that could be done, Mr. Jenner passed away within a few minutes. The deceased, who resided at 18 Haskell-road, Parkhurst, was a married man with a family of seven, four of whom are of tender age, and the deep and sincere sympathy of all the brother officers and residents in the locality is extended to Mrs. Jenner and her children in this irreparable loss. Two sons only recently entered the Army.

Officer Jenner commenced his career in the Army, where he served with distinction as a physical training instructor and later as a Company Sergt.-Major in the Royal West Kent Regiment. After 23 years with the West Kents he joined the staff at Parkhurst Prison in October 1930. He took a very keen interest in all forms of sport, and while his health would allow was active in its organization. Warm tribute to his many good qualities is paid by all associated with him. One of his brother officers told our representative yesterday (Friday) that it would be impossible to speak too highly of the fine example he set, both in straight-forward dealing and in willingness to help, whenever possible, anyone who asked a service of him. It would not be saying too much to add that he also won the ungrudging admiration and respect of his charges.

Unfortunately he had not enjoyed the best of health, having been treated for lung trouble, but he appeared to have recovered from this, and had been regularly performing his duty since August. The facts were reported to the Deputy Coroner, who decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

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PARKHURST

Prison Officer's Military Funeral.—The funeral of Prison Officer W. H. Jenner, of 18 Haskell-road, whose tragic death at H.M. Prison was recorded last week, took place on Tuesday, with full military honours. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was carried from the house by the following bearers: Principal Officer Bartlett (in charge), and Officers Higgins, Wilson, Stock, Ward, and Powell. About 80 Prison Officers lined the route from the house to the entrance to the Prison. A firing party and four buglers from the 2nd Queen's Royal Regiment, at Albany Barracks, preceded the cortege with reversed arms at the slow march. Following the funeral cars were R.S.M. Watson (Tonbridge), C.S.M.s Rogers (Sevenoaks), and Spooner and Hennessey (Shornccliffe), of the 4th Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, in which deceased served for 23 years, and the following officers of H.M. Prison: Hospital Chief Officer A. B. Shaw, M.B.E., and Officers McGrotty, Ingle, Fielder, Parsons, Russell,

French, Osborne, Lavington, Archer, Sadler, Fairweather, and Greenaway, and Mr. E. Packer (representing the clerical department at the Prison). The service at Carisbrooke Cemetery, where the interment took place, was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Turner (staff chaplain at H.M. Prison, and the Camp Hill B.I.), and the Governor (Mr. A. E. Scott), and the Rev. J. W. H. Battiscombe (chaplain) were also present. The family mourners were the widow, Messrs. A., C., and W. H. Jenner (sons), all of whom are in his Majesty's Army, Miss V. Jenner (daughter), Mr. C. Wyatt (brother-in-law), Mrs. D. Sutton and Mrs. B. Baker (sisters-in-law), Mrs. Ingle and Mr. C. Dale. The firing party formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the chapel, and at the graveside, after the committal sentences had been said, they fired three volleys, and then presented arms with fixed bayonets, while the buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveille. The beautiful floral tributes included wreaths from the Governor and staff at Parkhurst; former comrades and Sergeants of the 4th Battalion the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment; the Officers' wives (Parkhurst); members of the Sergeants mess of the 2nd Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment; the staff at Camp Hill; all ranks of the 4th Battalion the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment; and the W.O.s and Sergeants of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (Shorncliffe). Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son carried out the arrangements.

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