

John Robert Irving Scambler

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DEATH OF SQN.-LDR. J. R. I. SCAMBLER OF NEWPORT

LONG AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

The death occurred on Saturday of Sqn - Ldr. John Robert Irving Scambler, aged 65, of 51, Carisbrooke Road, Newport. Mr. Scambler spent the greater part of his life in the R.A.F., and after active service in France during the 1914-18 war he was decorated with the Air Force Cross. He also served in Palestine and in India for a considerable time. He was a nephew of the late Lord Mayor of Portsmouth (Mr. J. E. Smith).

A native of Portsmouth, Mr. Scambler was educated at one of the higher grade schools, after which he entered the drawing offices of the Portsmouth Dockyard as an apprentice. When the first world war broke out he was commissioned in the Royal Field Artillery, and after completing his preliminary training commenced service in France. Later he became a pilot in the newly-formed Royal Flying Corps and received his decoration. At the close of the war he signed on as a regular and his successful career terminated after his promotion to the rank of squadron-leader. Shortly before his retirement, because of ill-health, about 20 years ago, he was employed on the staff at the Air Ministry. His father, Mr. J. Scambler, was drowned in 1893 while serving in the Royal Navy, on H.M.S. Victoria, which was sunk in the Mediterranean. After his retirement, Mr. Scambler moved to the Island with his wife, whom he married 37 years ago at Portsmouth, and took up residence in Cowes. At the outbreak of the second world war Mr. Scambler joined the Civil Defence and served as a full-time warden. His wife also served in the fire section office of the Civil Defence. They later moved to Newport and took up residence in Carisbrooke Road. His wife died last year. He leaves a daughter.

The funeral took place on Wednesday. A service at the Carisbrooke Cemetery Chapel was conducted by the Rev. S. F. Cooper. Interment took place in the cemetery in the grave of his wife. The family mourners were Miss J. L. Scambler (daughter), Mrs L. W. Snow (sister), and Mr. and Mrs A. Haines (cousins). The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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