

## George Henry Woodmore

*[On the night of 25 June 1944, a V1 Flying-bomb landed on Carisbrooke Road; the national policy was a total news black-out for V1 'hits' and casualties, thus the following newspaper report makes no mention of how George Henry Woodmore died, but he is recorded in the CWGC database as a Civilian War Died.]*

Isle of Wight County Press – 1 July 1944

### NEWPORT.

**Death of Mr. G. H. Woodmore.** – Much regret has been aroused among his numerous business and sporting associates by the death, under tragically sudden circumstances, on Sunday, of Mr. George Henry Woodmore, aged 51, manager of Messrs. John Sheath and Company, corn merchants of Upper St. James's-street. He was one of the best known business men of the town, able, courteous, and extremely helpful, and particularly popular with the farmers and other customers at the shop. In earlier days he was a keen playing member of the Trades Cricket Club, and in later years he had been an equally keen bowler, having been captain of the Newport Club. Mr. Woodmore had been a valued servant of Messrs. Leigh Thomas and Company, and their predecessors (Messrs. James Thomas and Company) throughout his working life, with the exception of one short break. He started as office boy and rose to accountant and eventually to the managership of Messrs. John Sheath and Company (the firm's retail branch) on the death of the late Mr. F. New. He leaves a widow, daughter, and one son, Petty Officer Charles G. Woodmore, who is serving in the Fleet Air Arm in Kenya Colony. In the last war Mr. Woodmore was a sergeant in the R.A.S.C. The funeral was on Thursday, the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon officiating in St. John's Church and in Carisbrooke Cemetery. As the deceased was an ex-soldier and member of the British Legion the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The chief mourners were Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. Millward (daughter), Messrs. C. and R. Woodmore (brothers), Mrs. Murphy, of Gillingham (sister), Mrs. F. Woodmore (sister-in-law), Mr. H. Woodmore (nephew, representing his father, Mr. A. Woodmore, of East Cowes), Mr. and Mrs. Toogood, and the following members of the staff of John Sheath and Company: Messrs. G. Earney, W. Stark, N. Pitman, H. Pointer, W. Mackett, and H. Matthews, Miss H. Bull and Mrs. G. Wheeler. Others attending included the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. W. Blake), Mr. Leigh Thomas (managing director), Mr. N. L. Thomas (director), Mr. E. J. Willsted (secretary), and Messrs. H. F. Payn, A. Pullinger, L. Nicholls, E. J. Brown, E. Dyer, F. Weeks, and S. F. Jackson (staff) of Messrs. Leigh Thomas and Company, Messrs. E. P. Pannell (Cave's Nurseries), W. G. B. Weeks (Thomas, Gater, Bradfield, and Company), E. R. Dore, C.C., J. R. Toogood, S. A. Porter, G. H. Dunford, A. H. Guy (H. Guy and Son, Shanklin), T. Shutler, W. Spanner (Sir Francis Pittis and Son), H. Hollis, R. Walker, W. Bullock, E. J. Kemp (Hants Friendly Society), W. H. Lock, K. Cooper, C. G. Chiverton (Farmers' Trading Society), A. Hopkins, A. S. and C. H. Wells, H. W. Lincoln, H. Denness, O. C. Hamilton, H. Morris (Messrs. Fisk & Fisher), E. A. Elliott (F. Witcher, Ltd.) H. H. Morris, T. W. Stone, W. C. A. Eyles, J. Heal (S. Guy, Ltd.), L. Westmore, W. Webber, A. E. Fry, E. E. Shepard (also representing Messrs. A. W. Abraham and Company), F. G. Coate, F. Gwilliam, W. G. Sibbick, J.P., S.V. Croucher (Vectis Shipping Company), A. A. Westmore, G. H. Brooks, S. Stagg, R. E. Core (Weeks, Ltd.), and G. H. Groves, Major Straw (Salvation), Mrs. K. Westmore, Mrs. H. Biles, Mrs. E. H. Upward (representing Mrs. F. New), Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. Luffman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dove, and Miss Norman. The British Legion was represented by Messrs. A. B. White (chairman), E. J. Millgate (hon. secretary), A. B. Shaw (Benevolent Fund secretary), S. Trowell, and C. A. Westmore; the Newport Bowling Club by Messrs. C. J. Barham (captain), G. Norman (deputy captain, also representing the hon.

secretary, Mr. W. T. Collins, J.P.), A. H. Cooke (hon. treasurer), G. C. Russell, J.P., B. Cooper, J. B. Alderslade, P. E. Whiston, W. Evans, L. Truscott, H. C. Genney, W. Coward, R. Horton, F. W. Jacobs, E. Harley, A. D. Callaway, and E. J. Bartlett, and Capt. Glading; the Women's Bowling Club by Mesdames Glading, Axhorn, Johnston, Truscott, and Commins; the Trades Cricket Club by Mr. W. Guy (president); the Camp Hill Bowling Club by Messrs. A. C. Chapman, R. Beveridge, and R. Miller. Capt. J. S. Brown (president of the British Legion) was unavoidably prevented from attending. .... Messrs. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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