Harold Percy Bennett

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Former Prison Officer's Death.- The death occurred on Sunday at 5 Culver Battery, Sandown, of Mr. Harold Percy Bennett, aged 61. Prior to the 1914-18 war he served abroad for many years and retired with the rank R.S.M. In 1920 he joined the prison service and was stationed at Hull, Wandsworth, Portland, and Camp Hill, retiring in 1949, when he was awarded the Imperial Service Medal. For the last two years he had been employed as caretaker at Culver Battery. The funeral service at Quay Street Methodist Church, Newport, on Wednesday was conducted by the Rev. H. Harrison, and Mr. W. G. Cooper (organist) accompanied the hymn "The King of love, my Shepherd is." The interment was at Newport Cemetery. The mourners were Mrs. H. Bennett (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. Rann (son-in-law and daughter), Messrs. A. T. and E. J. Bennett (brothers), Mrs. E. J. Bennett (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. L. and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Morris and Mrs. D. J. Butler (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. E. W., Mr. and Mrs. S. A., and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bennett (nephews). Public representatives attending were Messrs. E. Packer, E. C. Pearson, T.C., and W. A. Downer (the R.A. Association), Captain C. W. Black (the Royal Engineers at Sandown Barracks), and Mr. W. R. Fifield (the "Old Contemptibles" Association). Messrs. W. Cooper, N. Arnold, C. Chapman, and H. Hayter (Camp Hill Borstal Institution officers) were the bearers. Mrs. W. Sibbick (sister) and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Morris were unable to attend. The floral tributes included those from the governor and staff of Camp Hill; H.M. Borstal Institution, Portland; the Royal Artillery Association; and the R.E. staff, Sandown Barracks. The arrangements were made by Messrs. W. G. Thomas.

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