

Charles Eldridge

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Railway Guard's Death.- The death took place at his residence, 16 Holyrood-street, on Thursday week, of Mr. Charles Eldridge, who for some 20 years has been employed by the Southern Railway, formerly as a porter at Newport Station, and latterly as a goods guard. Mr. Eldridge had been on sick leave since Christmas, but his death was unexpected, and sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Eldridge and the members of the family in their bereavement. Mr. Eldridge was a native of the town, and served in the Navy for 19 years, being in the battles of Heligoland, Bight and Jutland. During this war he was quartermaster in the Railway Home Guard. Mr. Eldridge was a man of happy disposition, much liked by his workmates, and his passing is deeply regretted. The funeral was on Tuesday, the first part of the service being held in the Pyle-street Methodist Church and interment in Newport Cemetery. The Rev. H. M. Jackson officiated and paid a feeling tribute to the deceased's character. The service included the hymn "Jesu Lover of my soul." The mourners were Mrs. Eldridge (widow), Mr. H. Eldridge (son), Mr. and Mrs. W. Freeman (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. W. Eldridge (brother), Mrs. Sibbick (sister), Mr. and Mrs. B. Eldridge (brother and sister-in-law), and Mr. W. Eldridge (nephew). Six of deceased's workmates, Messrs H. Wall, A. Pullinger, G. Pocock, E. White, W. Symes, and A. Drake, acted as bearers, and the railwaymen present included Mr. E. W. Landon, J.P. (area inspector, also representing Mr. G. L. Nicholson, Southern Railway assistant for the Island), Mr. A. Wheway (stationmaster, Newport), Messrs. W. Bell, J. Sewell, and H. L. Watson (locomotive department), H. Hooper (branch secretary, National Union of Railwaymen), A. Willis (clerk, Newport Station), G. Brimson (agent, Medina Wharf), J. Fish (station foreman), L. Turner, A. Jolliffe, and R. Bennett (traffic department), Lieut. V. Watson (traffic department, representing the Railway Home Guard), and Mr. G. Brown (railway pensioner). The many wreaths included those from the National Union of Railwaymen and the Railway Home Guard. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements. - Mrs. Eldridge and the members of the family wish to express their thanks for the great kindness shown to them, especially by Mrs. Dore and Mrs. Bond, and the staff of the Southern Railway, and to all who sent beautiful tributes.

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