

Emmaline May Prichard

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ASSISTANT NURSE DIES ON NIGHT DUTY

Mrs. Emmeline May Prichard, of Longlane Cottage, Staplers, Newport, a 42-years-old State-enrolled assistant nurse, who has been doing night nursing at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, died on duty early on Thursday morning. She complained of feeling unwell at about 4.30 a.m. and rested on a spare bed. She died an hour later.

Mrs. Prichard, who was the daughter of a retired Methodist minister (the Rev. Thomas Fletcher), lived for a time at Cowes, and was in the Land Army during the war, then in the offices of Messrs. Arthur Wood, Ltd., Newport, after which she took up nursing. She trained for her S.E.A.N. certificate at St. Mary's Hospital and was at one time at Longford Hospital. She married Mr. G. S. Prichard about five years ago and leaves a 3 ½ years-old son.

A post mortem examination was made yesterday and, as death was shown to be due to natural causes, the Coroner decided that no inquest was necessary.

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The Late Mrs. G. S. Prichard.-----Last tributes were paid by her colleagues at the funeral service at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday of Mrs. Emmeline May Prichard, aged 42, of Longlane Cottage, Staplers, wife of Mr. G. S. Prichard, who was taken ill while on night duty at St. Mary's Hospital in the early hours of Thursday week, and died shortly afterwards. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) and the congregation included the matron and members of the nursing staff in uniform, and representatives of the hospital house committee. During the ceremony the flag was flown at half-mast over the hospital. The mourners were Mr. G. S. Prichard (husband), Mr. and Mrs. B. Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cheek, Mr. J. Prichard, and Mesdames Trevor and Calladine (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), and Miss Wilson (niece). Mrs. Fletcher (mother) was unable to attend. Interment was at Newport Cemetery, the floral tributes including those from the chairman and house committee of the hospital and the matron and staff and former friends and neighbours at Blackwater ----- Mr. Prichard and Mrs. Fletcher wish to thank all friends for their kind letters of sympathy and beautiful flowers. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

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