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Home Guard's Bereavement. - Much sympathy is felt with Mr. George H. W. Dyer of 92 Medinaavenue, a coach-builder employed by Messrs. H. Margham and Sons, and a corporal in the Shide Platoon of the Home Guard, in the sudden death of his wife which occurred on Friday week. Mrs. Dyer was the only surviving daughter of the late Mr. W. E. Butcher and Mrs. Butcher, of 94 Medina-avenue. She had shared her husband's interest in the Newport Victoria Sports Club, being a helper with the juvenile dancing classes which were so popular a feature of the club's activities in peace-time, and was held in high esteem by her neighbours for her cheery, helpful ways. Mrs. Dyer had been in poor health for about five years, and a recent disturbing event near her home [presumably the air raid 4 May 1942] undoubtedly hastened her death, which was due to a heart attack. The funeral was on Tuesday, the Rev. W. E. Perry officiating at a service in the Quay-street Methodist Church and at the interment at Newport Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mr. G. H. W. Dyer (husband), Corpl. R. M. Hollis R.A.F. (nephew), Mr. F. Butcher (brother), Mrs. Pitt, of Portsmouth (aunt), Mesdames A, and F, Butcher (sisters-in-law), Mr. R. and Miss Jean Butcher (nephew and niece), and Mr. and Mrs. ?. A. Orchard, of Sandown (cousins). Neighbours and other friends also attended and the floral tributes included those from neighbours in Medina-avenue; the Shide Platoon, Home Guard; Messrs. H. Margham and Sons; and Mr. Dyer's fellow employees at Messrs. Margham's works. - Mr. Dyer and Mrs. Butcher express their sincere appreciation of the kindness of Dr. A. A. Straton and the police, and thank all friends for their sympathy and floral tributes. Will they please accept this acknowledgement.

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