

Ernos May

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Death of Channel Island Refugee. – The death took place on Saturday, at 90 Pyle-street of Mr. Ernos May, a refugee from the Channel Islands. Mr. May was a native of London, but for a number of years had resided at Doyle Place, Crabby, Alderney. He was evacuated from the Channel Islands before they were occupied by the Germans, and went to Glasgow about five years ago. Later he came to Newport to live with friends. His age was 61. He served with the Queen's Royal Regiment during the last war, and was invalided out on being badly gassed. He was a very good pianist, and was for some time conductor of the orchestra at St. Julian's Theatre, Guernsey. The funeral took place on Wednesday in St. Thomas's Church, the Vicar (Canon W. B. Hogg) officiating. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and was borne by six corporals of the Parachute Regiment. A bugler sounded the Last Post at the graveside at Newport Cemetery. The mourners were Corpl. Ernest Basil May and Mrs. May (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cotterill, Mrs. G. Bisson, and Mrs. A. Ellis. Members of the British Legion were also present, and Mr. A. Wheway and Mr. C. Bishop represented the I.W. Channel Islands Society. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes. The arrangements were made by Mr. H. W. Parnell.

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