

Walter Hacker

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"County Press" Employee's Death.- The death took place at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday of Mr. Walter Hacker, aged 51, of 2 Downs View Road, Pan Estate. Mr. Hacker, a member of the machine-room staff since October 1947, was taken ill suddenly on June 27th. He was a native of Aldershot, and in 1925 enlisted for boys' service with the 2nd Battalion, the Queen's regiment. His army career took him twice to China and to India, where his unit was involved in the Quetta earthquake disaster. At the outbreak of the last war he was in the Middle East and he remained in that theatre, taking part in the Battle of El Alamein, in which he received a severe shoulder wound. Early in 1942 he returned to this country and after a year at the depot of his regiment he was transferred to the Royal Pioneer Corps with the rank of Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant for duty at a prisoner-of-war camp at Brockenhurst. When he left the army in May 1947, his record of service described him as "a regular soldier of the best type."

The funeral service took place at St. Paul's Church on Thursday, the vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) officiating. The service included the hymns "Abide with me" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father" and the 23rd psalm to Crimond. The mourners were Mrs. Hacker (widow), Messrs. R. and C. Hacker (sons), Miss M. Hacker (daughter), Mr. E. Hacker (brother), Mr. and Mrs. A. Girling, Mr. L. V. Rolf, and Mrs. J. Foley (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Messrs. R. W. Curling and T. Foley (nephews), and Miss S. Young. The "County Press" was represented by Mr. E. R. Ash (editor) and Mr. R. T. Lawn, jun. (machine-room foreman), was also present. The Court Island Foresters, of which Mr. Hacker was a member, were represented. Mr. and Mrs. P. Rolf and Mr. J. Foley (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Catteau and Mrs. R. W. Curling (nephews and nieces) were unable to attend. The floral tributes included those from the directors and staff of the paper and neighbours and friends of Downs View Road and Ash Road. Interment was at St. Paul's Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

Mrs. Hacker and family wish to thank everyone for beautiful flowers and letters of sympathy; also doctors and nurses at St. Mary's for their kind attention.

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