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David D.PALMER. Head. M. 32. Gardener (not Domestic). Kingsand, Cornwall. Ellen R.PALMER. Wife. M. 32. Ryde, IW. Charles D.PALMER. Son. 7. Binstead, IW. Mildred V.PALMER. Dau. 5. Binstead, IW.

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DEATH OF A BINSTEAD POSTMAN -

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles David **PALMER**, which took place at his home, 2 Milford cottages, Ninham-road, on Tuesday at the early age of 38. Mr. PALMER, who was the son of Mr. D.D.PALMER, of Argyll-place, Ryde, had been in failing health for some time, and despite the unremitting care bestowed upon him succumbed to a serious illness which he bore with great patience. For some years he had been the rural postman, and was known and respected by everyone. He had a very pleasant disposition, and an unfailing courtesy. Joining the Post-office after leaving school as a messenger boy he rose to the position of postman, and when war broke out went overseas with the I.W. Rifles to Gallipoli, where he was wounded. Prior to coming to Binstead he had been stationed on postal duty at Cowes and Sandown, and on settling down in the village he took no small interest in its social welfare. He was a very successful bird and dog fancier, and secured many prizes at various shows. He leaves a widow and two young children with whom, as with his parents and family, deep sympathy is felt. The esteem in which he was held by his postal colleagues was very strikingly demonstrated at the funeral on Thursday afternoon. The first part of the service was held at the Parish Church, the Rev. C.S.STOCKS (rector) officiating. Mr. W.G.BOWLEY (head postmaster) read the lesson from the book of Revelation, and another colleague, Mr. H.J.BOUND, presided at the organ. As the coffin, covered with the Union Jack, and borne by Postmen J.NEWNHAM, W.A.BISHOP, G.H.WOODHAM, and E.SHINAR, passed through the ranks of his other uniformed colleagues into the church, Mr. BOUND played "Sursum Corda" (John Ireland). The hymns "Thine for ever" and "The King of love" were sung, and the rector read the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis, the latter as the coffin was about to be taken from the church. This was followed by the organist playing the Prelude "In Memoriam" (Grey). The interment was at Ryde Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mrs. PALMER (widow), Master Den PALMER (son), Mr. and Mrs. D.D.PALMER (parents), Mr. and Mrs. F.FRAMPTON (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. S.FORBES (sister), Miss P.MITCHELL and Mrs. B.RANDS (sisters-in-law), Lieut.-Commander W.PALMER, O.B.E. R.N., and Mr. H.JAMES (uncles), Mr. and Mrs. S.JAMES (cousins), and Messrs. J.T.YORK and RUSSELL. In addition to Mr. BOWLEY and Mr. BOUND the indoor staff of the Post-office were represented by Messrs. C.A.KING, W.F.GAWN,

W.R.GOUGH, R.SMITH, E.FRY, S.MATTHEWS (Seaview), KENT (inspector), and F.BLOW (assistant inspector). Those present representing the outdoor staff were Messrs. E.PEAK, J.CHAPPEL, S.J.WINTER, W.BOYCE, A.H.HOBGEN, S.BARTLETT, A.J.POWELL, F.FRYER, W.TEWKESBURY, E.JAMES, G.H.WYATT, A.SMITH, W.MITCHIE, and H.SMITH, also representing the Union of Postal Workers, and A.H.GALE and H.LANGDON, ex-postmen. There were also present Dr. Spencer CHURCHILL (medical officer), Messrs. T.A.CLEAVER (chairman), A.E.FLEMING (hon. secretary), D.SQUIBB and B.LEEK, representing the Binstead Horticultural Society, G.H.SHAWYER (British Legion), E.H.JAMES, and C.LENTON, and Mrs. E.WARREN. There was a large collection of choice flowers which included tributes from his postal colleagues and the Horticultural Society.