

MARRIAGE: 1920 All Saints Church, Ryde, IW (IW Registrars ref: COE35.4/64)  
**Frederick C. KENT & Alice Louisa Maud REED.**

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Death Notice:-

**KENT** .. On Oct. 27, at Minden, West-street, Ryde, **Frederick Christopher KENT**, fell asleep after a long and painful illness patiently borne, aged 43 years.- Mrs. KENT and family desire to return thanks to all friends for letters of sympathy and lovely floral tributes, especial thanks to Drs. LIESCHING, PRIDMORE, and EDWARDS, and the Rev. A.G. LLOYD and family for their great kindnesses.

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### **POST OFFICIAL'S DEATH**

We have with regret to record the death on Friday week, at an early age of 43, of Mr. **Frederick Christopher KENT**, of Minden House, West-street. Mr. KENT was assistant inspector of postmen at the head Post Office, where he was held in high regard by his colleagues for his many fine qualities. He joined the service as boy messenger in 1910 and was promoted postman in 1918. during the last war he saw active service as a signaller in the Post Offices Rifles. Returning to civilian life he was advanced to assistant head postman at Bournemouth in 1927, and in 1932 he returned to Ryde office as assistant inspector. He was a very devout member of the Garfield-road Church and held the position of church steward. Much sympathy is felt with his widow and two children. The funeral took place on Monday, the first part of the service being held in the Garfield-road Church. Mr. H.J. BOUND, a postal colleague, accompanied the singing of the hymns "For all the Saints" and "Fight the good fight." The Rev. A.G. LLOYD (minister), who officiated, referred to his close friendship with deceased. He said Mr. KENT had been a good servant of the Post Office and had won the regard of the entire staff. He had equally been a faithful servant of the church, and had brought ability and devotion to his work, and merited the high esteem in which he was held. The children's corner, which he designed, would be his memorial. His prolonged suffering was borne with remarkable patience and courage, which had their roots in his personal religion. The mourners were Mrs. KENT (widow), Miss Monica KENT (daughter), Master Murray KENT (son), Mr. and Mrs. E. FLEMING (brother-in-law and sister), and Mdlle. SANGER. The Post Office was represented by Capt. A. GRIST (postmaster), Messrs. W.F. GAWN, S.A. RUSSELL, E. FRY, A.M. RICE, W.R. GOUGH, P. WOODS (indoor staff), A.E.WEEKS, J.P., Assistant Inspector W. BLOW, Postmen A.J. POWELL, W. BISHOP, V. DYER, P. AVARD, S. WHEELER, W. JAMES, A. SMITH, W. LATHAM, B. FLEMING, and L. PEAKE, Mr. F.J. CHRISTOPHER (Inspector of the Engineering Department), and Messrs. C. PETTITT, M. SQUIBB, and FLEMING, Mr. S. MATTHEWS (sub-postmaster at Seaview), Messrs. C.A. KING and F.J. NEWNHAM (ex-postal officials), Mrs. GRIST, Mrs. GAWN, Mrs. GOUGH, Mrs. Bound, Miss ANSON, and Miss WILLCOCKS. Others present included Messrs. I. LOCKE, A. BLACKBURN, W. SHAWYER, QUELCH, R. FARNWORTH, A. GALE, O. JAMES, A. BENNETT, CAREY-HOOD, and BARDEN, Mrs. A.G. and Miss LLOYD, Mrs. MAY, Mrs. CHARITY, Mrs. STEVENS, Mrs. LOCK, Mrs. CAREY-HOOD, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRACKENBURY, Mrs. And Miss TAYLOR, Miss WHITTINGTON, Mrs. R.T. VINE, Mrs. NICHOLS, and Mrs. J. and Mrs. CHAPPELL. Head Postman R. BARTLETT and postmen J. WINTER, G. TAYLOR, and H.R.

JAMES acted as bearers. Included among a large collection of floral tributes were those from the church and the postmaster and staff of the head Post Office. Mr. H.V. TAYLOR was the undertaker. Writing to Mr. KENT'S widow the Rev. A.J. PERRY, M.C., of Cowes, a combatant in the last war, states that he was with him for 18 months in France in the trenches and rest billets. He describes him as always cheerful and kindly and very upright in character.

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