

Death Notice:-

PRAGNELL: Jan. 2, at Salisbury General Infirmary, **Herbert Clifton PRAGNELL**, formerly of Roseclere, Marlborough-Road, Ryde, aged 53

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SERVED ON THE ROYAL YACHT

Mr. **Herbert Clifton PRAGNELL**, aged 53, formerly of Roseclere, Marlborough-Road, who died at Salisbury General Infirmary, served for 13 years on the Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert.

Born at Hayling Island, he came to the town in early childhood and was well known in the district. He joined the Navy as a boy and served 24 years. During the first world war, while serving on the Stephen Furness, he was the only boy saved when the ship was torpedoed. He left the Royal Yacht in 1939 and was with H.M.S. Chrysanthemum on the Thames Embankment throughout the war. At the end of the war he retired from the service and shortly afterwards left the Island to take a job with the radio station at Shaftsbury, Dorset. He married Miss Alma WILLIAMS, of Ryde in 1926, and he leaves a widow and one son.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at All Saints' Church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R.H. BASSETT, R.D.) . The mourners were Mrs. PRAGNELL (widow), Mr. V. PRAGNELL (son), Mr. T. PRAGNELL (brother), Mesdames L. HARWARD and E. MILES (sisters), Mr. L. LAWRENCE (brother-in-law), Mrs. R. WILLIAMS (mother-in-law), Mesdames E. HOWARD and N. ESSEX (sisters-in-law), Mr. L. DRURY (representing the Royal yacht).

Among the wreaths was one from the radio station at Wincombe Shaftsbury. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery, and the arrangements were carried out by Messrs. J. WHEELER and Sons.

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