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RETIRED NAVAL OFFICER'S DEATH

The death occurred at Fairlee Hospital, Newport, on Saturday, of Lieut-Commander **Leonard Stafford POË**, aged 65, of Yeldon, John-street. The elder son of the late Paymaster Lieut-Commander and Mrs. Leonard Marlborough POË, he was born at Portsmouth, and began his career in the Royal Navy as a boy artificer in H.M.S. Fisgard. He served for 38 years before being invalided from the service in 1946. During the last war he served in the destroyer H.M.S. Arrow and subsequently in the monitor, H.M.S. Erebus.

A keen sportsman, he played association football and cricket as a young man, and established a fine reputation as a football referee, officiating in matches in many countries during his naval career. In recognition of his service to football in Sussex he was elected in 1949 the first honorary life member of the Chichester and District branch of the Sussex County Society of Association Referees.

He lived at Chichester for several years, then stayed at Itchenor for a short time before coming here about eight years ago. He became a popular and valued member of Ryde Regatta Committee. He married in 1916, and leaves a widow, a son and two daughters.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Parish Church on Wednesday, the Rev. H. WILDE, M.B.E., M.C., officiating. Mr. R. G. PEAD read the lesson. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. POË (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. T. G. TANFIELD and Mr. and Mrs. E. STEVENS (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. R. POË (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. J. F. WALKER (brother-in-law), Mrs. R. G. PEAD (sister-in-law), Mr. B. G. J. PEAD (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MAHONEY (cousins), Mr. E. WATERS, Mr. C. G. NEWMAN, and Miss F. ARMSTEAD. Ryde Regatta Committe were represented. The interment was at Binstead Cemetery, and the floral tributes included one from the Chichester and District branch of the Sussex County Society of Association Referees.

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