

MR. J. WALKER

It is with regret that we record the death, which took place suddenly on Friday, at his residence, Lumley House, Nelson-street, of Mr. **James WALKER**, a retired Chief Officer. He was born in 1863 at Fishponds, Bristol, and at the age of 18 joined the Royal Navy, his first ship being the Impregnable. He later transferred to the Coastguard Service, and was stationed at many places round the coast before retiring after about 40 years service. During the War he was in the Examination Service on board the Gundreda, and becoming Boarding Officer for all ships using the Solent. His decorations included the Egyptian Medal (with clasp), and the Egypt Bronze Star.

Mr. WALKER had resided in Ryde for a number of years, and his death will be regretted by his many friends. He was a member of the R.A.O.B. He leaves a widow, one son and four daughters.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. A. DOHERTY at St. James' Church on Monday. Mr. DOHERTY expressed sympathy with the relatives on behalf of the St. James' Men's Service of which Mr. WALKER had been a regular attendant. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mr. J. WALKER (son), Mr. and Mrs. T. BRUNTON, the Rev. and Mrs. S. GOODGE, Mr. and Mrs. C. YOUNG (daughters and sons-in-law), Miss K. WALKER (daughter), and Mr. R. GREAVES. Among others present was a large number of members of the R.A.O.B. and many of deceased's old comrades.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes received were those from:-

Mother and Jim.

May, Tom and the Children.

Evie, Sammy and Val.

Cliff and Bess.

Kath and Reg.

Members of the R.A.O.B.

St. James' Church Mens Service.

Mr. and Mrs. ANDREWS, Lion Hotel.

Mrs. and Miss YOUNG.

Mrs. COOK and Family, London Hotel.

Mrs. STREET and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. PRAGNELL.

Mr. and Mrs. LIPSCOMBE.

Mr. and Mrs. HOGG.

Mrs. SCOVELL and Mr. COATES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. LIGHTBOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie REEVES and Mr. and Miss COATES.

Jimmy, Margaret and Tommy.

Mrs. WALKER and family wish to thank all friends for kind sympathy and beautiful floral tributes.

