

## **DEATH OF GENERAL NEPEAN**

Former County A.R.P. Officer

The death occurred at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Wednesday of last week of Brigadier General **Herbert Evans Charles Bayley NEPEAN**, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., of Wenman House, The Strand, Ryde. General NEPEAN, who was 85 years of age, was formerly A.R.P. officer for the Island.

### **Served in Soudan**

Elder son of Colonel H. A. T. NEPEAN, L.A., and a great-grandson of Sir Evan NEPEAN, P.C., first baronet, and Secretary of State for Ireland, he served in the Soudan Field Force 1885-6, the Burmese War 1887-9, and took part in the operations in suppression of gun-running in the Persian Gulf in 1910. In the following year he was promoted to colonel in the Indian Army, and throughout the first world war served in mesopotamia. He became temporary brigadier-general and brigade commander in the Middle East Forces from 1916-1921, and retired from the Army in the following year with the rank of hon. brigadier-general. He was five times mentioned in despatches, created C.M.G. in 1917, C.S.I. in 1919, and C.B. in 1921.

### **Former Golf Club Captain**

General NEPEAN lived at Shanklin before settling at Ryde in about 1932. He was a keen golfer and a former captain of the Ryde Golf Club. With the advent of Civil Defence preparations in 1938 he was one of the earliest participants, being first a street and then a group warden, and later head warden at Ryde. He succeeded Major General LOCK, C.B., as county air raid precautions officer a few weeks before the outbreak of war in 1939, and his devotion to the many tasks the position brought and his ability and unfailing courtesy won high appreciation. When he retired in November, 1941, on reaching the age limit, a high tribute was paid to his services by the Instructor General of Civil Defence Services.

He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife and a son and daughter of the first marriage.

### **The Funeral**

The funeral service took place at All Saints Parish Church, Ryde, on Saturday, conducted by the Vicar of Ryde, Canon A. CORY, M.A., R.D., followed by interment at Ryde Cemetery. Mr. W. L. REED was at the organ. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, on top of which was the late General's hat.

Family mourners were Mrs. NEPEAN (widow), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. NEPEAN (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), and Miss E. FAULKNER (sister-in-law). Miss Claire NEPEAN (daughter) and Col. H. York NEPEAN (son) were unable to attend, the former owing to illness and the latter being in South Africa.

Others present included Mr. A. B. WARD, former Sub-Controller of the Ryde District A.R.P., and Mr. C. A. KING, also representing Ryde A.R.P.

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