

DEATH OF MR. W. WOOD

We regret to announce the death which occurred early on Saturday morning, of Mr. **Walter WOOD**, licensee of the Battery Hotel, Springvale, at the age of 47.

Mr. WOOD was formerly a naval man retiring under the reduction scheme six years ago, when he took over the hotel. From 1908 to 1923 he was servant to Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Somerset GOUGH-CALTHORPE, being continuously with him both ashore and afloat, including service with the Grand Fleet during the Great War and during the period when Sir Arthur was High Commission at Constantinople. He later served Sir Arthur when he was at Admiralty House. Mr. WOODS was a member of the United Brethren Lodge, Malta, and the British Legion. He leaves a wife, who has been seriously ill in hospital, and was away at the time of the death, and two children.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the service being at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. WARDROPER. The coffin was covered with a Union Jack, and on it were wreaths from Mrs. WOOD, the family, and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur S. GOUGH-CALTHORPE. The mourners were Miss Irene WOOD (daughter), Messrs. Bert and Arthur WOOD (brothers), George PAGE (brother-in-law), and George PAGE, junr.

A large congregation gathered to pay a last tribute to Mr. WOOD, amongst them being Admiral of the Fleet Sir A. S. GOUGH-CALTHORPE and the Hon. Mabel GOUGH-CALTHORPE, Mr. F. SEARLE, representing Seaview British Legion, Mr. Arthur TIBBEL, representing Ryde British Legion and the United Brethren Lodge, Malta, Mr. R. SPRAKE, of Chale Brewery Co., Mr. and Mrs. CHESSELL, the staff at Woodlands Vale, and representatives of the Licensed Victuallers' Association. Mr. George WOOD, a brother, was unavoidably prevented from attending.

The interment followed at the Ryde Cemetery, and among the many beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the British Legion, Seaview, the United Brethren Lodge, and the staff, wives and families at Woodlands Vale.
