

RETIRED POSTMAN'S DEATH

Mr. **Reginald Frank BUTLER**, aged 58, of St. Bedes, Salisbury-road, died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Sunday. Born at Battersea, he entered the Post Office service in London in 1936 and was a postman at the East Central District Office from 1937 to 1939. Subsequently he served until 1945 successively with the Essex, Middlesex and Dorset Regiments in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Gibraltar. After the war he resumed his postal duties in London until 1948 and was then transferred here, serving as a postman until his retirement on July 5th. From 1927 to 1934 he had been with the regular army in India, including four years in the area of the Khyber Pass, North-West Frontier Province. In November he received the Imperial Service Medal.

He was a member of the Post Office Sports and Social Club and former colleagues were among the congregation at the funeral service at the Baptist Church on Thursday. The Rev. H. WRIGLEY officiated and "Abide with me" and "The Lord's my Shepherd" were sung. The mourners included Mrs. R. F. BUTLER (widow), Miss M. H. BUTLER (daughter), Mr. A. J. PRESCOTT, Mrs. HUNT, and Mr. F. YELF. Interment was at Ryde Cemetery. Floral tributes included one from the head postmaster and staff.

Messrs. H. W. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.
