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Death of Capt. A. W. BUTTERWORTH. – We regret to announce the death on Sunday of Capt. Archibald W. BUTTERWORTH, of 37 St. Thomas's-street, aged 76. In early life he spent four years at sea and afterwards went to Australia. In 1888 he was appointed Commandant of Native Constabulary and Resident Magistrate in British New Guinea. During the pioneering of that colony, under the governorship of Sir William MACGREGOR, he was awarded the unique Tigeri medal for a successful expedition into head-hunting cannibal country. On the outbreak of the South African War his services were requested by the Australian Government and he joined the Queensland Mounted Bushmen, serving in South Africa for three years, and being mentioned in despatches. Later he went to Nigeria, where he commanded a company of the West African Frontier Force. In 1904 he transferred to the Political Service of that colony, being appointed district commissioner of the Ijubu Province, and he was promoted commissioner and president in 1914. While in West Africa he saw service in the Aro Expedition and in the Cameroons in the Great War. He was a fine big game shot and had many valuable trophies. He was a member of the Royal Victoria Y.C.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. Mary's (R.C.) Church. The Very Rev. Provost S. Mongan was the celebrant at a low requiem Mass, which was followed by Absolution of the Dead.

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