

MR. J. DOHERTY, M.B.E.

The death occurred at a Ryde nursing home on Monday, after a long illness of Mr. James DOHERTY, M.B.E. of Stratford House, St Thomas' Street, Ryde. He was 63.

Born in Co. Donegal, Mr. DOHERTY was educated at St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, in the same county. Upon leaving college he joined H.M. Customs and was for a time Customs officer at Cowes before taking up a post in the same service in Mombasa, Kenya.

He was later promoted to the position of Government Coast Agent for Kenya and Uganda from which he retired just prior to the outbreak of the last war. Returning to this country he was called to the War Office when war was declared and served in the Contraband of War branch until the end of hostilities, when he joined the Crown Agents for the Colonies. About two and half years ago he was forced to retire owing to ill health.

Mr. DOHERTY, who was a member of the Royal Empire Society, was an all-round sportsman and had gained many cups and awards for yachting, rowing and golf abroad and in this country. He was also an excellent shot. He was a former member of Ryde Rowing Club.

A widow and a son and daughter survive him, his elder son, Brian having been killed in action at Stavanger, Norway, in the early part of the war. His daughter, who is living at Lagos and was unable to attend the funeral, is the wife of the Accountant General of Nigeria.

The funeral service took place at St Mary's Church yesterday, the coffin having lain in the church over-night. The Rev. D. MCDERMOTT ROE was the celebrant at a Requiem Mass and the Rev. J. TROY officiated at the graveside at Binstead Cemetery. Family mourners attending were Mrs. G. DOHERTY (widow) and Mr. P. J. DOHERTY (son), and several friends were also present.

Messrs. LANGDONS made the arrangements.
