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Winifred K. FOX. Dau. 8. Quainton, Bucks.

Cyril D. FOX. Son. 7. Fulham, London.

Norah E. FOX. Dau. 6. Cockfield, Durham.

Brenda FOX. Dau. 4. Scotland.

Muriel FOX. Dau. 3. Keswick, Cumberland.

*In 1911 **Horace** was at Wellington Lines, Aldershot, Farnham, Surrey.*

Horace FOX. Private. 20. Single. 1st Battn Hampshire Regiment. St. James, London.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 10th May 1947

**DEATH OF ISLAND
N.S.P.C.C. INSPECTOR**

It is with deep regret we record the death, which took place suddenly in the early hours of Sunday morning, of Mr. **Horace Courtenay FOX**, of 30 Monkton-Street, Ryde, Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. And probation officer for the Island. Although he had not felt in his usual health for a few days, Mr. FOX was present at a sitting of the East Wight Juvenile Court on Friday week. On Saturday evening he accompanied his wife to the cinema, and having returned home, complained that he felt worse and went to bed. Shortly after Mrs. FOX had given her husband a stimulant to try and relieve pain in his chest he collapsed and died. The facts were reported to the Coroner, who ordered a post mortem examination, which proved that death was due to natural causes.

The late Mr. FOX, who was 56, was born at Westminster, the second son of Mrs. and the late Dr. Herbert FOX, formerly medical officer at Golden Hill Fort, Freshwater. Following his education at Waterlooville College and Southampton University College he joined the Hampshire Regiment in 1903, being stationed at Winchester, Parkhurst, and in Ireland (1914-18). Later he transferred to the Guernsey Militia with the rank of R.Q.M.S., and six years later rejoined his old regiment. On retiring from the Service in 1935, when stationed at Parkhurst, Mr. FOX trained for the work of the N.S.P.C.C., and on the retirement of the late Mr. J. EVANS he was appointed to the vacancy, which was also carried with it that of part time probation officer for the Island. In the performance of his difficult duties as inspector of the society he displayed outstanding qualities of patience, tact, and sympathy; he was an ideal probation officer. He had a gift of looking for better qualities in those under his supervision and did his utmost to strengthen them. Everything he undertook was carried out with great thoroughness and his advice to the magistrates of Juvenile Courts, the delinquents and their parents was always sound and practical. Despite the fact that he was a very busy man, Mr. FOX spared much time for the work of the British Legion, and in this connection his many fine attributes were used with beneficial results to ex-service men and their dependents. In addition to his work on the general committee he had been for some years chairman of the Benevolent Fund Committee where his experience, knowledge, and advice were of incalculable value. All who had the pleasure of working for him or enjoying his friendship will greatly miss a charming personality, who never spared himself in good works. He was also a member of the Ryde Youth Centre Committee, the Mayor's Goodwill Fund Committee and the R.O.A.B., and secretary of the Hants and I.W. Hampshire Military Aid Fund. He leaves a widow,

son, and married daughter the latter resident in Japan, with whom deepest sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place on Thursday the service being held at Holy Trinity Church, where the coffin was met by guards of honour formed by the branch and women's section of the British Legion, whose draped standards were dipped in salute. The Royal Hampshire Regiment represented by a party of N.C.O.'S who acted as bearers. The service was conducted by the Rev. O.G. GITTINS assisted by the Rev. A. CORY (Legion chaplain), Mr. E.S. SHEPPARD was at the organ and the choir chanted the 23rd Psalm and led the singing of "Abide with me" as the cortege left the church the choir chanted the Nunc Dimittis.

The mourners were Mrs. FOX (widow), P.O. Eric S. FOX (son), Mrs. PRETTY and Miss M. FOX (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. J.E. EAMES, Mr. and Mrs. J. GAWN, and SAUNDERS, Mrs. M. JACKSON-SMYTHE (daughter), is in Japan.

The following represented the N.S.P.C.C. : Major J.G. FARDELL (president of the British Legion and chairman of the Island branch N.S.P.C.C.), the Hon. Mrs. WILSON- HEATHCOTE, Miss FIRTH and Miss L. FIRTH, (also representing Miss CAREY), Mr. P. MONK (hon. Secretary), Mr. Gerald WATSON and Miss WATSON (Cowes branch), Mrs. SAUNDERS (Sandown branch), Mrs. SALTER (secretary Newport branch), Inspector E.C. CORNEY, M.M., of Chichester (representing the director N.S.P.C.C., and Inspector A.D. LANG, of Winchester). Mr. George W. STAVELEY represented the Hampshire Probation Service and National Association of Probation Officers. The British Legion was represented by Messrs. H.W. BLOOD-RYAN (chairman), G.J. EVANS, T.C., (hon. Secretary), J.P. WATTS (hon. Treasurer), E.J. GATRALL (acting standard-bearer), Ald. W.S. RUSSELL, F. MELLISH, H.R. TURNER, A.H. BROOMFIELD, C.W.H. SPRINGER, C. STEARS, W. ELDRIDGE, W.F. GAWN, E.E.M. WHITE, C. LIFE, H. D. NICHOLLS, V. WINKLES, A. SHINER (secretary), F. WEBB (sports secretary), , and H. R. BROWN (British Legion Club), Mrs. W. O. Rees MILLINGTON (chairman), Mrs. SPRINGER (vice-chairman), Mrs. G.J. EVANS, Mrs. BLOOMFIELD (hon. Treasurer) Mrs. JACKSON (hon. secretary), Mrs. LINNINGTON, Mrs. LEWIS, Mrs. PRICE (acting standard bearer), and Mrs. E. BARTLETT and Mrs. SOFFLEY (women's section), Capt. W.W. STURGESS represented the Island branch Royal Hants Regimental Association, Capt. V.A. BLAKE M.B.E., the 24th Royal Hants Regiment, Capt. F.H. WALDREN the Winchester Depot, and Capt. R. HODGE the Comrades Association.

Others attending were the Deputy Mayor (Mr. E.N. NEWMAN), Ald. A.F. WRIGHT (representing the Juvenile Panel of Magistrates), Lady BALDWIN and Mr. W.A. CHRISTY (representing the borough magistrates), Mr. Norman LONG (magistrates' clerk's office), Mrs. JOLLEY (probation officer), Inspector F. RUGMAN, (representing V.E. STANLEY) and P.S. MAYBURY, Mr. CAVE (senior welfare officer, County Education Committee), Mr. W.J.G. NEW (representing the Island relieving officers), Messrs. J. AITCHISON (borough treasurer), A.J. ARCHER, A.T. HODGES, F.E. SALTER, G.H. SAVILL, Lieut.-Col. C.L. ELLERY, O.B.E., Messrs. R.E. WALLER, W.E. SELF, J.B. SNOW, R. PERREN, W. WHEELER, A.J. READ, A.J. BALLARD, M. BREWER, (representing Mr. J.H. RUSSELL churchwarden), and F.A. SAUNDERS, Miss MOSS, and Nurse BODY (representing the Ryde District Nursing Association), Mrs. J.G. FARDELL, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. COOMBES, Mr. and Mrs. W.P. WEDGE, Mrs. BREWER, Mrs. STEVENS, Mrs. SHEPHERD, Mrs. STURGESS, Mrs. WALKER, Mrs. FIDLER, Mrs. P. AUSTIN, Miss E. BIGGS (also representing Miss E. SPRINGER), Mrs. A.J. BALLARD, Mrs. LANDER, Mrs. WILLIAMS, Mrs. W.A. CHRISTY, Mrs. MACKENZIE, Miss CLARENCE, Mrs. G.E. NEWBERY, Miss DANIELS, and Mr. and Mrs. ROGERS.

The interment was at the cemetery, to which the cortege was led by members of the British Legion carrying their standards. Wreaths included those from the chairman and committee of the N.S.P.C.C.; Ryde British Legion; the women's section; comrades of all ranks of the Royal Hampshire Regiment warrant officers, sergeants past and present of the Royal Hampshire Regiment; Ryde Junior Council School; and friends and neighbours in Monkton-Street.

The arrangements were made by Messrs. WHEELER Bros.

Mrs. E. FOX and family wish to express their deep appreciation of the numerous expressions of sympathy and floral tributes received and ask friends kindly to accept this as the only acknowledgement.

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