

Death of Mr. Roy PURNELL. - It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Roy PURNELL, second son of a former mayor (Ald. James Benham PURNELL) and the late Mrs. PURNELL, of the Ferns, who passed away peacefully in his sleep at St. Mary Abbotts Hospital, Kensington, on Friday week, after suffering indifferent health for two years. Mr. Roy PURNELL controlled the business of Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL after the death of his father, and during the last war held a post under the Ministry of Munitions, and before his health failed he was manager at the Ritz Cinema, Putney. He was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School, and was assistant scoutmaster until 1914, when he voluntarily joined the Royal Fusiliers (Public Schools' Battalion, and was commissioned to the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, serving in France with his regiment in the early stages of 1915, until invalided home from the Battle of the Somme. He was a popular member of the Golf Club, but perhaps best known for his activities in connection with the Mead Lawn Tennis Club. In addition to being one of its leading players, he was for many years hon. secretary and organiser of the juvenile open lawn tennis tournament. Many friends in Ryde will extend sympathy to his wife and near relations in their sad loss.

Mr. PURNELL was cremated at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday. His request for a simple service and no floral tributes. He was in his 55th year.
