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In 1911 **Charles** was living at Victoria Parade, Roft-street, Oswestry, Shropshire, with his wife Alice. His occupation was given as Inspector National Society Prev Cruelty Children.

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## DEATH OF INSPECTOR KILMINSTER

Much regret will be felt by the members of the D.S.O. and all associated with the National Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty to Children in the death of Inspector KILMINSTER who passed away at his residence, The Friars, Monkton Street, on Thursday. The deceased, who had been ill for some time, was an enthusiastic supporter of all that tended for the welfare of his Ex-Service men and will be remembered for the interest he took in the children's sports last summer. He was also greatly respected by the committee of the N.S.P.C.C. and his removal in the prime of life will excite general sympathy and regret.

The funeral took place on Tuesday when the R.E's and D.S.O., met at The Friars, Monkton-street, and notwithstanding the tempestuous weather followed the remains to the Esplanade Station for conveyance by the 8.45, a.m. boat, the interment taking place at the Cemetery at Brentford, Middlesex, the deceased's native place. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and six R.E.'s acted as bearers.

The widow, niece, brother-in-law and sister-in-law were the chief mourners, and those following comprised Messrs. D. PALMER, STEERS, SHINAR (secretary), BLOOMFIELD, BUTLER, NEWMAN, WILLIAMS, and RAYNER (late secretary) of the D.S.O., Mr. H. F. WADE (secretary of the N.S.P.C.C.), and Insp. BINNING of the R.S.P.C.A. The band of the D.S.O. under Mr. HOLLOWAY headed the procession, playing the "Dead March." At London Bridge the body was conveyed to Brentford, in a motor hearse, and in addition to the family mourners, Mr. Harold RAYNER attended and assisted at the last sad rites at the graveside on behalf of the D.S.O. The coffin was borne to the grave by members of the R.E.'s and the "Last Post" was sounded. Four inspectors of the N.S.P.C.C. attended and Mr. R. J. PARR, a director was represented, ex-Inspector and Mrs. NEW and other sympathising friends being present.

The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Messrs. J. PURKIS and Son. Battery-Sergt.- Major KILMINSTER, R.F.A., who was 47 years of age, saw a good deal of active service having served on the India Frontier, and towards the end of the South African war, was taken prisoner by the Boers and flogged. He served with distinction in the late war and was every inch a soldier. Much sympathy has been expressed with his widow in her sad

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