

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 1st January 1948

MR ROBERT FORD

A well-known local sportsman in the person of Mr. **Robert ("Bob") FORD**, of 13 Green Street, Ryde, passed away on Monday. He was 59 years of age. Mr. FORD, who had suffered with heart trouble for about eight years and had been confined to his bed for the past two years, was a native of Haylands, where he became gardener-coachman to the late Mrs. SCHOFIELD, of Haylands.

On the outbreak of the 1914-18 war he enlisted in the Royal Hampshire Regiment and became a sergeant. He saw service in France for nearly four years and was wounded several times; as well as being gassed.

Mr. FORD played, for Ryde Sports F.C. for over 20 years and was one of the team's wingers. He leaves a widow and three daughters to mourn his loss.

The interment is at Ryde Cemetery to-morrow (Friday) following a service at All Saints' Church.

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