

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1971

Death Notice:

**COLES.** - On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1971, peacefully, **Thomas Collings COLES**, O.B.E., of North View, Spencer Road, Ryde, I.W. Husband of the late Ada COLES and dear father and grandfather.

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**Retired Engineer.** - Mr. Thomas Collings **COLES**, died at his home, Northview, Spencer Road, on Sunday. Mr. COLES was born in Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, but as a young man went to India as a civil engineer, working on the King George's Medical College and other hospitals and public buildings. In 1915 he joined the Royal Engineers and served in France with the 61<sup>st</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> divisions until 1918. He later served again in India and was with the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force during the Arab rebellion in 1920-21. Three years later he joined the Air Ministry and was in Egypt, Palestine and Trans-Jordan during the Palestine operations, and was engaged on constructing aerodromes in Malta up to 1939. In the last war he was chief engineer for works services with Army Co-operation Command, Fighter Command and Technical Training Command. He retired in 1958. His wife died in 1960 and he is survived by two daughters. One is married with four children and lives in America.

The Rev. K. DAVIS, Mr. COLES' nephew, conducted a service at the Church of the Holy Cross, Binstead on Thursday, followed by cremation.

Messrs. H.V. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.

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