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Address: Gordon Villa, Garfield-road, Ryde, IW.

Alfred G. PURNELL. Head. M. 27. Upholsterer's Manager. Ryde, IW.

Elizabeth A. PURNELL. Wife. M. 28. Lee, Kent.

Stanley PURNELL. Son. 7. Shanklin, IW.

Ernest A. PURNELL. Son. 4. Ryde, IW.

Vera G. PURNELL. Dau. 2mths. Ryde, IW.

Gertrude MEDLEY. Serv. S. 21. General Serv. Dom. Ryde, IW.

In 1911 Stanley was living at 7 & 8 High-street, Ryde, with his parents Alfred (48) & Elizabeth (48), 2 sisters Vera (20) & Ena (10), 2 Servants and a visitor Mary Isabel BRAITHWAITE. Stanley was listed as House Furnisher's Son Working in the Business.

MARRIAGE: 4th ¼ 1911 (General Registrars ref: Brackley Reg Dist. Vol 3B. Page 1.)
Stanley PURNELL & Mary Isabel BRAITHWAITE (marriage date 4th Sept 1911)

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER 15 December 1917

PURNELL - On October 30th, at Poeleapple, Passchendaele Ridge, Flanders, Stanley PURNELL, the devoted husband of Mary Isabell PURNELL (nee BRAITHWAITE), of Summerlee, Garfield Road, Ryde, and only surviving son of Mr and Mrs Alfred PURNELL, of 8 High Street, Ryde, aged 34 years.

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Private **Stanley PURNELL**, of Summerlee, Garfield-Road, only surviving son of Mr. Alfred PURNELL of 7 and 8 High-Street, who was first reported missing, is now known to have been instantaneously killed by shrapnel on October 30th in the action at Poelecappelle, Passchendaele Ridge, Flanders. He was a prominent member of the Ryde Rowing and Football Clubs, and when in London some years ago belonged to the Olympic Football Club and was several times a member of the senior team of the West End Association. He joined the Artists Rifles on January 1st, and after a few weeks training left for France, where he has safely passed through much severe fighting in the Arras section, only to fall in the desperate fighting at Passchendaele Ridge, Flanders, where the Artist Rifles were terribly cut up, all three companies went into action. Nearly all the officers were killed and very few men returned, and of these most were badly wounded, an officer, in conveying the sad news to his parents said "Your son has been in my section a long time, and we have been in many tight corners together. He is one of the best and steadiest men I had. He was always cheerful and cool in the face of danger, in fact a thoroughly steady and reliable soldier who was liked by all. expressions of sympathy seem futile in such a loss as yours, but I tender mine to all his relatives and friends." For many years Stanley PURNELL has been associated in business with his father and uncle, and had won the esteem of all with whom he came into contact by his courtesy, kindness and consideration. Much sympathy is felt with the widow and parents in a very heavy bereavement that has befallen them.

NATIONAL PROBATE CALENDAR 1918

PURNELL Stanley of Summerlea Garfield-road Ryde Isle of Wight private 1/28th battalion the London regiment died on or since 30 October 1917 at Polecappelle Flanders Administration Winchester 24 December to Mary Isabell Purnell widow. Effects £129.8s.9d.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919

First name: Stanley
Last name: PURNELL
Service number: 764163
Rank: Private
Regiment: London Regiment
Battalion: 28th (City of London) Battalion (Artists Rifles)
Birth place: Shanklin, I of W.
Residence: Ryde, I of W.
Enlistment place: Ryde, I of W.
Death year: 1917
Death day: 30
Death month: 10
Cause of death: Killed in action
Death place: France & Flanders
Supplementary notes: - -

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