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The Late Mr. L.F.C. DRAYTON. - Mr. Lionel Frederick Charles DRAYTON, of 4 Cross Street, Oakfield, who died in the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Friday, was for many years employed by Messrs. Rowland RUSSELL and Son, butchers, as a slaughterman and delivery man. Recently he had been employed by Mr. H. JOHNCOX, fishmonger, at his Sandown branch. He had travelled over 500,000 miles during his 33 years as van driver and had never been involved in an accident. As a sergeant in the Royal Engineers during the first world war he saw service in the Dardanelles and during the Russian revolution. He was a well known and popular figure in the town, and sympathy is felt with his wife.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. J. PEARMAN) officiated at the funeral service in St. John's Church on Tuesday. The mourners were Mrs. DRAYTON (widow), Mr. and Mrs. P.D.C. SCAMELL (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. PITCHARD and Mrs. W. JONES (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. S. STROUD (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. F. LAWRENCE (sister-in-law), Mr. H. MATON (cousin), Mrs. L. SCAMELL, Mrs. B. NEWELL, and Mr. and Mrs. JOHNCOX and members of the staff. Mrs. C. COOPER (sister) and Mrs. L. R. SULMAN (mother-in-law), were prevented by illness from attending, and Mr. C. DRAYTON, M.C., is in Australia.

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