

Death of Mr. **W.H.P. JENNINGS**. - The death of **Mr. William Henry Priddis JENNINGS** occurred at the Retreat, Nelson-place, on Monday. He was very well known here and at Newport, where for 30 years he was a Prudential agent. He was born at Ryde 68 years ago, enlisted in the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in 1890, and served throughout the South African War and been present at the relief of Ladysmith. Later he enlisted in Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles and during the last war served with the Royal Engineers in this country and in France. Demobilised in 1919, he resumed work with the Prudential Assurance Company until nine years ago, when he retired and came to live in Ryde. In 1938, when new colours were presented by H.R.H. the Duke of GLOUCESTER, Mr. JENNINGS, who finished his military service with the rank of corporal, was presented to His Royal Highness as the oldest Fusilier on parade. During the present war Mr. JENNINGS joined the Home Guard, but ill-health forced him to resign. At Newport he was for over a decade a vice-president of the British Legion, and on coming to Ryde loyally supported the local branch. For a long time he was a registrar and committee member of Newport St. John's Men's Bible Class. He was formerly a member of the Newport Cricket Club and had played for the County Bowling Association, and was a member of Ryde and indoor bowling clubs. In business he was conscientious and assiduous. He was a man of genial disposition, kindly ways, and a great sportsman. Sympathy is felt with his wife, son, and daughter in their loss. His son is a Prudential superintendent in Devon.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the first part of the service being conducted at the Parish Church by the Rev. F.H. ROLPH. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and N.C.O.s of the Home Guard acted as bearers. The mourners were Mrs. JENNINGS (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R.W. JENNINGS (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. E.F. STAGG (daughter), Mr. W. JENNINGS (brother), Mrs. DAINS (sister), Mr. Bert JENNINGS, Mrs. YOUNG, and Mrs. DENNIS, of Sandown (cousins), and Mr. S. STAGG (who also represented his son, deceased's son-in-law). As the remains were taken into the church the branch of the British Legion formed a guard of honour. The Legion were represented by Capt. W.S. RUSSELL (chairman), Messrs. G. J. EVANS (hon. secretary), J. PRICE (standard-bearer), V. TURNER, T.C., SOFTLY, J. L. REDSTONE, E. H. GURD, A. MORDAN, H.H. BASSHAM, P. DOYLE, C. SHAW, H.C. FOX, and W. SHOTTER, and Messrs. W.H. HALLAM (Ryde superintendent), A. PAYNE (Newport superintendent), L.J. WAIT, R. LITTON, A. NASH, and A.J. BURDEN represented the Prudential Assurance Company, Messrs. E.P. COWLISHAW (captain), A.J. NORMAN (hon. secretary), W.A. CHRISTY, T.C., W. HART, N. GREENHAM, W.G. BURDEN, W.E. SELF, A.W. ROLLASON, O.P. BRADING, R. LOFTS, W.C. WEARN, C. WARNE, H. NORRIS, R. WALLER, A.J. TANCOCK, S.C. BRADING, P. GOMMER, A. BLACKBURN, S. SMITH, E. FIELDER, and S. BARTER represented the Ryde Bowling Club, Messrs. G. NORMAN, G.H. WOODMORE, E. HARLEY, and L. TRUSCOTT, the Newport Bowling Club, Mr. W.A. WRIGHT the Shanklin B.C., Mr. H.J. COOPER (Sandown B.C.), Messrs. W.G. SIBBICK (acting leader), H.B.J. LOWER (hon. secretary), A.J. TAYLOR (registrar), and A.J. WILLIAMS represented the Newport St. John's Bible Class, Mr. P.F. LORD (the County Hospital Contributory Scheme), Mr. H.P. CHIVERTON, T.C., (the Food Control Committee). Others present were Inspector ROGERS and Mrs. ROGERS, Mr. and Mrs. W. BARRETT (Cowes), Mr. and Mrs. PHILPOTT, Mr. and Mrs. W. JOLLIFFE, Mr. and Mrs. S. BUTT, Mrs. E.P. COWLISHAW, Mrs. H. NORRIS, Messrs. H. HUMPHRY (Newport and V. REDSTONE (Brading). Mr. W. H. BAKER (chairman of the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion) was unavoidably prevented from attending. The interment was at the Cemetery, where buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveille. The large collection of flowers included tributes from the British Legion, the Ryde and Winter Bowling Clubs, Ryde A. Co. Home Guard, the Sandown Bowling Club, and the Supervisory staff of the Ryde office of the Prudential Assurance Company.

Mrs. JENNINGS and family ask all friends to accept their sincere thanks for the many kind inquiries and letters of sympathy, also for the beautiful flowers.
