

Private Sidney Thomas Abell

1st February 1919

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Obituary.

Much sympathy has been extended to Mr and Mrs T W Abell, of Strand Hill, Dawlish, in the death on Feb. 1st of their second son, Mr Sidney Thomas Abell, aged 28. His death was directly due to the war. A young fellow of fine physique, he was invalided out of the Army about six months ago with heart trouble. He had been wounded and received shell shock. His condition did not give rise to very special anxiety until the Monday before his death, when he complained of severe pains in the head and took to his bed. He lay in a dazed condition for some days, and died unexpectedly, early on the Saturday morning. Deceased was an estimable character; of a most obliging nature and generally liked. The bereavement is heightened by the fact that Mr and Mrs Abell's third son, Percy, has not been heard of since he was reported missing by the Army authorities.

The funeral on Wednesday was largely attended, the Wesleyan Church being well filled. The Rev W E Withers conducted the service, which included the singing of the hymns, "Jesu, lover of my soul," and "Rock of Ages." Mrs Gray, presiding at the organ, played "O rest in the Lord" as a voluntary, and the Dead March in *Saul* as the coffin was borne from the church. The chief mourners were Mr T W Abell (father), Miss Jennie and Master Willie Abell (sister & brother), Miss Flossie Page, Mr and Mrs Murrin (Okehampton), Mr J Murrin and Mr and Mrs F Murrin (Meeth), Mr F Mugford, uncle (Brixham), Mr J Blank, uncle (Dartmouth), Mrs Rohrer (Plymouth), Mrs Rogers (Okehampton), Miss J Murrin (Meeth), Mrs Bazley (Exeter), Mr Will Cullen (Plymouth), Mrs Langler (Newton Abbot), cousins; Mr Selley and Mr and Mrs Mallett.

Amongst those attending were Messrs V Tucker and S Chapman (Navy), W H Lock, L Shapter, and H Willmet (Army), Misses Lock and Bradford (Land Army), Messrs W Anstey, A W H Bassett, R Avery, E Cox, Currow, E J Cridge, W Elliott, F Gibbings, F Knowles, J H G Lamacraft, J.P., H Nosworthy, W H Salter, H Robins, S Reynolds, S Seldon, W H Tucker, W T Leaman, J.P., H S Loram, Arthur Rowe and the Rev A Gill.

The numerous wreaths were from the following:—His sorrowing Mam, Dad, Sister and Brother; brother Jack & Mag, Dunstable; his sorrowing Floss; Aunt, Uncle and Cousins at Giffords Hele, Meeth; ditto at Oakleigh, Okehampton; ditto at Friars Hele, Meeth; Mr and Mrs Rohrer and family, Mr and Mrs Cox and family, Mr and Mrs Rowe and family, Members of the Wesleyan Church, Mr and Mrs Mallett and Florrie, Mr and Mrs E J Cridge, Alice and Wilfred, Mr and Mrs Avery and family, Miss E Nicholls, **Mr and Mrs Stephens and little Madeline, Miss Lander and Herbert, Mr and Mrs**

Hopkins, Mr and Mrs Burrows and family, Mr and Mrs Larkworthy, Miss I Bowers, Mr and Mrs Loram and family, Mr and Mrs Cridge and family (Strand), Mr and Mrs Tucker and fam, Mr & Mrs Aggett, Mr and Mrs Corber (Gunnislake), Mr and Mrs F Cornelius, Miss Hollett, Mr and Mrs Langler, Mrs Davis, Misses Knapp and Wilks, Mrs Pope, Doris, "Bradie and Lockie," Mesdames Ford & Saunders, Mr and Mrs E M Bowden, Mrs Harris.

Mr J H Lamacraft, jun., was responsible for the funeral arrangements.

MR & MRS. ABELL & FAMILY express their sincere appreciation to all their friends and the residents of Dawlish for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement and in Mrs. Abell's illness; also for the floral tributes and numerous sympathetic letters received.

Strand Hill Dairy, Feb. 6th. 1919