

Obituary for Fred Seaman.

The following obituary was published in a local Chelsea paper shortly after his funeral.

Mr Frederick Seaman, D.C.M. late of the Coldstream Guards and park-keeper at the Royal Hospital Grounds, Chelsea for 15 years, died in St. George's Hospital on Tuesday 20th October 1942. He was 55.

Mr Seaman lived at the porter's lodge at Burton Court, Chelsea. For 23 years he served with the Coldstream Guards. In the last war he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in France and was mentioned in Earl Haig's despatches. He left the army in 1927 with the rank of Company Sergeant-Major and held the Mons Medal, the Victory Medal and the 1914-18 Star. The widow's loss is shared by three sons and seven daughters. One son, Gunner Arthur Seaman, is in Gibraltar.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Brompton Cemetery in the Brigade of Guards Burial Ground. As the cortege left Burton Court, Chelsea Pensioners from the Royal Hospital formed a guard of honour into Royal Avenue.

The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and was carried to the grave by six sergeants of the Coldstream Guards. The Last Post was sounded over the grave by a Guards trumpeter.

Mourners were the widow, Miss M Seaman (daughter), Corporal Hales, R.A.F. and Mrs D Hales (son-in-law and daughter), Warrant Officer F. G. Seaman, R.A.F. and Mrs Seaman (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs M L Beaton (daughter), L.A.C. J Taylor, R.A.F. and Mrs Taylor (son-in-law and daughter, L.A.C.W. V Seaman W.A.A.F. (daughter), Miss E Seaman (daughter), Mr C Seaman (son), Miss D Seaman (daughter), Mrs LeGrice (sister), Mr Purcell-Smith, Mr Fry, Sergeant-Major Dooley and Captain Lloyd (Royal Hospital). Others present included Mr Dixon, aged 80, a Chelsea Pensioner who served in the Coldstream Guards with Mr Seaman's father.

In addition to the flowers from the mourners and family, emblems were sent by Valerie, Mr Ayers and Stan, Mr and Mrs Spares, Miss West and staff of Courtney Read and Sydney Smith, the deceased's friends at Gerald Road police station, Mr and Mrs Taylor, Mrs Fox and Edward Holderness, the wardens of K. Post, St Leonard's Terrace, Mr and Mrs Sydney Smith and family, Robbie and Ray (W.A.A.F.) staff of Woolworth's store King's Road, N Millership and Mr Searle, all ranks of Coldstream Guards, Governor and Commissioners of Royal Hospital ("in proud memory of a very gallant soldier"), staff of the Royal Hospital, Company-Sergeant Major and Mrs Lo..... A Smith, Warrant Officers.....ing Battalion.



CSM F. Seaman DCM.