

Obituary

MR. BERTIE I. BLIGH

Warwick lost another worthy citizen with the death on July 23, at his residence in Fitzroy street, of Mr. Bertie Ivo Bligh. Death followed an illness extending over some months.

Fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blakeney Bligh, of Dalby, deceased was born at Boothulla station on the Paroo River, Charleville. He was educated at Dalby Convent and Gregory Terrace College, Brisbane. His first position was as a junior clerk in the C.P.S. Office at Dalby, but subsequently he went to Charleville and commenced butchering with the firm of Espie Bros. He remained at that centre for some years and in 1918 he came to Warwick as a cattle dealer and drover. He acquired a property at Toolburra, and in recent years his interests were divided between this property and the conduct of his tobacconist and Casket Agency business in Warwick.

Mr. Bligh took a keen and practical interest in matters affecting the welfare of city and district. He was associated with a number of bodies, but none more so than the Warwick Rugby League of which he was a selector for some years. This was only natural as he himself had been an outstanding footballer in earlier

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Deceased is survived by his widow (formerly Miss L. Cocoran, of Tenterfield), three sons (William, Richard and Kevin, all of Warwick), three daughters (Mrs. J. Aylward, Mrs. J. O'Hagan, both of Warwick, and Mrs. R. Jurd, of Sydney), and nine grand-children. Surviving brothers are Messrs W. Bligh (Sussex Downs, Tara) and Maurice Bligh (Toowoomba), and sisters are Mrs. A. Hooper (Brisbane), Mrs. M. O'Grady (Leeton, N.S.W.) and Misses Ruby and Gwen Bligh (Brisbane). A third brother, Edward, was killed in action in the first Great War.

During his illness Mr. Bligh was attended by the Rev. Fathers Brady and Murphy. Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was offered in St. Mary's Church by Father Concannon who also officiated at the graveside. The funeral was attended by a large number of mourners, and the many wreaths and messages of condolence were other tributes to the high esteem in which he was held.

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