

Sudden Death at Healesville.

SECRETARY OF MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Mr. Gerald Roy Gill, secretary of the Repatriation Military Hospital at Caulfield, died suddenly at 4 halet Carinya, Healesville, on Monday. Mr. Gill, who had been spending a month's holiday with his wife and son, had been unwell for some little time, and on Saturday had a bad turn. On Sunday, however, he appeared to be much better, and no serious consequences were expected. At about 8.30 on Monday morning he had a sudden seizure, and after relapsing into unconsciousness died. The cause of death was an affection of the heart, brought about by war injuries. Mr. Gill, who was 35 years of age, was formerly a sergeant in the 8th Battalion, A.I.F., and for the last five and a half years had been secretary to the Caulfield Hospital. He had visited Healesville several times, and had recently expressed the intention of purchasing a week-end home here. He was very popular among the hospital patients and staff, and a few years ago organised an outing at Healesville for a large number of disabled soldiers.

The funeral took place at Healesville cemetery on Tuesday morning, and was largely attended by military officials, among them being Messrs. Villy and Sells, of the Repatriation Commission headquarters, Messrs. Bartrom and Hodgins, of the Victorian Repatriation Commission, Dr. McLennan, superintendent of Caulfield Military Hospital, and Dr. Porter, representing the medical section of the hospital. Every department of the Repatriation Commission and the Caulfield Hospital was represented. Before proceeding to the cemetery a short service was held at St. John's Church of England. At the graveside Rev. Zercho conducted the burial service, and Padre Gates, hospital chaplain, delivered a short address. He referred to the services Mr. Gill had rendered his country, both as a soldier and a citizen, and regretted that such a fine and upright man had been cut off so early in life. He said that no doubt death had been hastened by war injuries. Mr. Gill had spent five and a half years among the staff at the military hospital, and the fact that such a large number of representative men had attended the funeral was a proof of the high respect and esteem in which Mr. Gill had been held.

The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and at the termination of the service the Last Post was sounded by Mr. O. Potts. There was a large number of floral tributes from personal friends and public bodies, including staffs of pension, medical, accounts and record sections and headquarters Repatriation department, staff and patients

sections and headquarters Repatriation department, staff and patients of Caulfield Hospital, totally and permanently blinded soldiers' association, directors of Kodak Company and returned soldiers of Kodak, returned soldiers' bowling club, Shell Company and employees. As a mark of respect the Australian flag was flown half-mast at the Healesville Memorial Hall.