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## F. H. CHALKLEY, MBE. ROYAL ARMY ORDNAVEE CORPS - PITH AUGUST 198 AGE 49

## of Major Chalkley, M.16 E.

SUDDEN END AT LLANDUDNO.

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the death under painfully sudden circumstances of Major F. R. Chalkley, M.B.E., of Kelvin Grove, Batley, and Chief Officer of the Army Ordnance Department, Dewsbury. Major Chalkley had not been well for several months, his extremely arduous and responsible duties at Dewsbury making very serious demands upon his physical resources. He suffered a partial breakdown some time ago, and had to take a brief holiday. The call or duty was, however, very insistent, and it is believed that he returned to his office earlier than he should have done. However, it became imperative that he should have a real respite-from the calls of the official position he occupied at the head of one of the most remarkable war departments in the country. Accordingly, he proceeded to Llandudno, where he hoped to recover his wonted health and strength. No apprehension was entertained as to his health prospects. Indeed, he was extremely cheerful and optimistic, so much so that he felt quite capable of enjoying a quiet and restful holiday alone and unattended. He stayed at a well-known hotel in Llandudno, and was apparently making satisfactory progress, a letter to a colleague received last week-end indicating that the air and charms of the Welsh watering place were having a beneficial effect. The news of his death, therefore, came as a great shock on Saturday morning. Mrs. Chalkley was at Seascale, Cumberland, when the sad intimation arrived, and much public sympathy is felt for her and her son and daughter. It appears that Major Chalkley retired to rest on Friday evening not feeling very well. Next morning, upon his bedroom being entered, he was found dead in bed, having apparently passed peacefully away in his sleep. The first local intimation of this very sad occurrence was re-ceived by Captain F. J. Dorrington, at the A. O. Department Offices, Dewsbury, last Saturday morning about eleven o'clock. Major Chalkley



