

**Ex-Superintendent RICHARD BYRNE BULLIMORE,
D.C.M., M.S.M.**



Mr. Bullimore's sudden death at his son's home at Barrow Haven, Lincolnshire, on 10th January, 1967, was announced in 'The Leicester Mercury' the following day. He was 76 years of age.

Sergeant Stanley writes:

"When I began to write this appreciation of Mr. Bullimore, my mind turned to a visit I made to his former home at Leicester Forest East last November. I had not seen him for 17 years or so and, although not the man he was (he had suffered a stroke which

had affected his voice), his heart, he told me, was giving him trouble and he was still feeling the effects of shrapnel wounds in the head sustained on the Western Front during the First World War — he still had that sense of humour, good fellowship and ready smile which made him a very popular Superintendent.

A native of East Norton, Mr. Bullimore's family has a fine record of service for their country. His grandfather served on Nelson's ships, his father served in the Leicestershire Regiment and his only brother served in the South African War. His son, Mr. Richard B. B. Bullimore, now licensee of "The Haven Inn" Barrow Haven, served as a Flight Sergeant in the Royal Air Force during the last war.

Mr. Bullimore, himself, served in the Leicestershire Regiment for nine years, seven of which were in India as a military telegraphist, before he joined the Force on 6th April, 1914.

Initially stationed at Hinckley, he was recalled to his Regiment in August, 1914, posted to France and soon became a Sergeant. An 'Old Contemptible', he was wounded at Armentiers

and during 1915, on the Ypres salient, won the Distinguished Conduct Medal for destroying a German bombing party and bringing in a wounded man. For a time he was on the bombing staff of 2nd Army Headquarters and after being severely wounded was decorated by Field Marshal Lord Plumer with the Meritorious Service Medal.

On his return to the Force in January, 1919, he was again stationed at Hinckley, became a Sergeant for duty at Loughborough in July, 1928, and Inspector at Hinckley, April, 1932.

In April, 1935, he was promoted Superintendent in charge of the then Ashby Division. Eleven years later he took over the Loughborough Division. He retired from Loughborough in June, 1949, and was succeeded there by Superintendent W. J. Kelly. He was awarded the Jubilee Medal in 1935, and the Coronation Medal two years later.

A very keen sportsman, he had a cricketing career which lasted over 30 years. While in the army he played cricket in India and during his police service, played for Hinckley P.S.A. Cricket Club and Loughborough Police Division and was also a prominent member of the County Police Cricket XI. He also promoted and officiated at boxing tournaments and once described himself as the worst shot in the old Loughborough ex-Servicemen's Rifle Team.

One of the characters of the old Force, he was an impressive figure of a man with a humanity and zest for life which affected everyone. During the Second World War he was responsible for ensuring that all members of the Force were proficient in the use of firearms and he also took a great part in the formation of what was to become the Home Guard. He also combined the duties of Drill Instructor with the late Constable Bill Norman, D.C.M., M.M., another former 'Old Contemptible'.

Since this appreciation was prepared news has been received of the death of his widow, Mrs. Ellen Bullimore. We extend to Richard, their only son, our deepest sympathy in his very great loss.