

## Death of 'Sunny South Sam'



" Sunny South Sam "

Affectionately known as " Sunny South Sam," and reputed to have inspired some of the famous posters issued by the Southern Railway in pre-war days, Mr. Samuel Walder, a member of an old Horsham family of railway pioneer workers, passed away at Havant and was buried at the local cemetery on Tuesday.

He was for many years a guard on the London, Brighton, and South Coast line and was known to passengers at the South Coast resorts as the "guard with the sunny smile."

In all he served 50 years in the service of the Southern Area, being re-called from retirement when the recent war broke out. He carried on his duties throughout the blitzes. His three brothers, like himself, followed in their father's footsteps in entering the railway service and they can claim an aggregate of over 200 years "on the line." The Rev. P. H. Duke-Baker officiated at the funeral.

The mourners included Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Walder (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nash (son-in-law and daughter); Mrs. T. Geal (sister); Mr. S. Walder (brother); Mrs. L. Saunders, Mrs. F. Cripps, Mrs. A. Boulding (nieces); Mr. V. H. Watts.

The Southern Region, British Railways, were represented by Mr. R. Edwards (stationmaster at Havant), Mr. M. Daughtrey, Mr. G. Richardson, Mr. D. Longford, Mr. R. Burnett and Mr. A. Scutt.

## HAVANT

### FORMER RAILWAY GUARD'S DEATH

A familiar figure to passengers on the old L.B.S.C., S.R., and British Railways Southern Region, died on Friday. He was Mr. Samuel Walder (81), a former railway guard. Born at Horsham, he and three brothers followed their father in the railway service. Affectionately known as " Sunny South Sam " by reason of his cheerful, unruffled temperament, he is believed to have inspired the famous advertisement which was a familiar feature of Southern publicity in pre-war days. When he retired in 1934 he was presented with an easy chair by his colleagues and the travelling public. He gave the chair little exercise, and when the second war broke out rejoined the railway. In all he completed over 50 years on the railway. He leaves a son and a daughter, his wife having died two years ago. In addition to the family mourners there was a large gathering of railwaymen at his funeral, which took place at Havant on Tuesday, following a service in St. Faith's Church.

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### Hayling Island Guard

Mr. Samuel Walder, a native of Horsham, has put aside his flags and whistle for the last time as a guard employed by the Southern Railway Company, and retired after 46 years' service.

He joined the railway service as a porter at Horsham in 1888, but afterwards was transferred to Havant, where he has been guard of the Hayling Island trains for nearly 40 years. He is known to thousands of holiday-makers as " Sunny South Sam," for he bears a strong facial resemblance to the subject of the well-known Southern Railway poster.

He was one of the first guards to operate on the "Fares, please" principal after the passengers had boarded the trains, and this system still obtains on the motor-train services. Throughout his long experience he has never had a serious accident, but has seen many changes in passenger-conveying.

Mr. Walder takes many sincere wishes for happiness with him in his well-earned retirement.