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Lance Sergeant Thomas James Faulkener Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and No.5 Commando

## Obituary

## MR. THOMAS JAMES FAULKNER. Festival Park, Cookstown.

There was widespread sorrow and regret throughout the entire community at the death of Mr. Thomas James Faulkner, 5 Festival Park, Cookstown, in Belvoir Park Hospital, on Saturday, 19th November, after a long illness patiently borne.

Jim, as he was known, was in his 63rd year and is survived by his wife Molly, daughter Hazel and son George.

As a young man Jim enlisted in the Inniskilling Fusiliers and later transferred to the Commandos and served in the Far East during the Second World War. After demob he returned home and until retirement, due to ill health, was in the employment of Dunman Bridge Creamery for some 34 years.

Deceased was a member of the Royal British Legion, Hearts of Oak L.O.L. 511 and Gravesend R.B.P. 65 and a lifelong member of First Cookstown Presbyterian Church The large attendance at the funeral on Monday afternoon, 21 st November, to Ardtrea Parish Churchyard bore ample tribute to the high esteem in which deceased was held. As a farewell tribute, his comrades in the Royal British Legion provided an escort. The services in the home and at the graveside were conducted by Rev. L. Casement.

The chief mourners were:— George Faulkner (son); Stanley, Ivan, Joseph, Mervyn, Norman and Sydney Faulkner (brothers); Ernest Watt (son-in-law); Cecil and Jim Rollins (brothers-in-law); Nigel and Colin Watt and Steven Faulkner, Australia (grandsons) and many other relatives too numerous to mention.

Funeral arrangements were by R. Steenson and Son.