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RETIREMENT - MR. D.C. WALTER

Mr. Walter retired on Friday, 6th July, after a long and varied career with the Company.

He joined us in 1926 as an apprentice in the Dress Fabric department, left after six months to go into the wholesale side, but rejoined us some months later as he preferred retailing.

Mr. Walter had a natural flair for draping and was soon displaying fabrics whenever he had the opportunity. His ability in this type of work was so prevalent that he, and Suters, realised that display was to be his future work in life. He stayed with us for a few years, then left to join Bentalls Ltd. at their Kingston-on-Thames branch to gain greater experience in display.

He returned in 1935 and continued to dress our windows. Many people used to compliment us on having such attractive displays, especially on soft furnishing and dress fabrics.

He left in 1940 to join Moral Rearmament, but later that year was called up to H.M.Forces where he served in the R.A.S.C. He was taken prisoner of war in Italy and was exchanged for seven Italian P.O.W's. On returning to the U.K. he served in London as a despatch rider and had many a perilous journey dodging V.1's and V.2's sent over by the Germans towards the end of the war.

On demobilisation Mr. Walter returned to us and was made Display Manager, a position he held until 1968 when a change of policy in the Company's pursuits necessitated a different type of display.

He moved to the Men's department where he has remained a very efficient salesman, and even then brightened up that department with his attractive displays.

All of us wish him many years of happy retirement with his wife. He has lots of outside activities, and I expect we shall be seeing him from time to time.

J.D.Suter,  
Director.

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