

Brigadier Godley

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Brigadier Godley found shot at Wheatley

## Suicide verdict: "Mind unbalanced owing to worry"

**B**RIGADIER Brian Richard Godley, aged 55, of Wheatley House, Wheatley, near Oxford, County Commandant of the Army Cadet Force, shot himself in a paddock behind his home on Tuesday evening, it was disclosed at the inquest at Wheatley Military Hospital yesterday.

The Mid - Oxfordshire Coroner, Mr. Harold Franklin, who sat without a jury, recorded a verdict that Brigadier Godley shot himself "while his mind was unbalanced owing to worry."

His gardener, it was stated, found the Brigadier lying dead with a double-barrelled shotgun by the body.

Brigadier Godley was in charge of the summer camp of the Oxford Army Cadets at Tregantle, near Plymouth, but returned home.

The widow, Mrs. Margaret Valliant Godley, said that about 1.45 p.m. on Tuesday she left home to go to Reading to visit her daughter.

"When I left, my husband was at home," she said. He was not feeling awfully well. He said he would take the dogs for a short walk and then have a sleep.

"He was in good health but very tired and very worried recently. He was a worrier and took things very much to heart. There was nobody else in the house when I left.

"About 7.30 p.m., on my return home, I was met by my friends, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, who informed me that my husband had met with an accident

### BRIG. GODLEY'S CAREER

#### Long Army service in India

**B**RIG. Godley, who had been County Commandant of the Army Cadet Force, since 1952, was the son of the late Brig.-Gen. F. C. Godley, of Wallingford, and was born in 1899.

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