

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday Nov 30th 1918.

DEATH OF SERGT. A.J.WOODFORD –

We regret to announce the death of Sergt. **Arthur James WOODFORD**, R.E. Special Signal Coy., Ireland, who passed away on Thursday, after a short illness, at King George 5th Hospital, Dublin, at the age of 32. Sergt. WOODFORD had 12 years service and was the proud possessor of the Mons. Star. The military funeral took place at the Ryde Cemetery on Tuesday, the first part of the service being held at All Saints Church, conducted by the Rev. Hugh Le FLEMING. The mourners were Mrs. WOODFORD (widow), Mr. J.WOODFORD (father), Private W.WOODFORD (brother), Mrs. W.WOODFORD (sister-in-law), Mrs. WARREN (aunt), Mr. W.WOODFORD (uncle), Messrs. J. and B.CASS (uncles), Miss RUSSELL (cousin), Mrs. BLAKE (sister-in-law), Mr. T.A.GAWN (father-in-law), and Mr. W.GAWN (brother-in-law). Beautiful floral tributes were from the following: -- Widow and children, father and brother, Will and Gertie, Edie and little Joan, Aunts Eliza and Annie, Aunt Helen, Uncle Jack and family (Ventnor), Aunt Clara and Uncle Harry, all at Greenlane, Rosie, Dad and John, Mr. and Mrs. BAIGENT, Mr. and Mrs. LANDER, Mrs. WILLIAMS, Mrs. YOUNG, Capt. and Mrs. HAMPSEN (Ireland), Capt. BROMHEAD and W/T staff at Cork, Lieut. BREWER and W/T staff at headquarters, Dublin, staff at Enniskillen W/T station, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s Mess, all ranks of the Special Signal Coy., Dublin. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. PERKIS. In a letter received by Mrs. WOODFORD from the captain of Sergeant WOODFORD's regiment, he states: - "On behalf of all the members of the special signal company, allow me to offer our united sympathy in your tragic bereavement. Sergt. WOODFORD was well liked and thoroughly respected by everyone here, and his death came as a very great shock indeed. During the time he has been in my company, I have found him most capable, conscientious and hard-working – in a word an ideal non-commissioned officer. The funeral arrangements here were in the hands of his brother non-commissioned officers The gun carriage was borrowed, but the driver and escort were your late husband's brother sergeants, headed by the company Sergt-Major. The horses also belonged to the company, and a full parade of officers, N.C.O.'s and men followed the procession part of the way to the boat. Representatives of the company from the sections stationed at the Curragh and at Cork were also present."
