

DEATH OF MAJOR GOODMAN. – The death occurred on Tuesday week at the West Hill Villas, St. John's-park, where he had resided since the war, of Major William GOODMAN, aged 67, late of the R.A.O.C., who had had a notable career in the Service. The Major had been in failing health for some time, but he was out a week before his end, which came rather suddenly, following a succession of seizures. He leaves a widow and grown-up family, who have the sympathy of their friends both here and at Carisbrooke, where the family resided for many years.

Major GOODMAN was a native of Clovelly, Devonshire, from which place he joined the Royal Artillery in 1876. For a while he was stationed at Sandown, thus commencing his association with the Island, and was then sent to India. Almost all his subsequent service was in that country. After seven years with the Artillery he transferred to the Indian Ordnance Department in 1883, and although his early education had been of the scantiest nature, he studied so assiduously that he made rapid progress in this highly technical branch of the Service, being promoted step by step, until, in 1905, he retired on pension with the rank of captain. Practically all his service in the Department was at the small arms ammunition factory, Dum Dum, near Calcutta. On the outbreak of the Great War, he volunteered for service and was posted to the Ordnance Department at Curragh Camp, Ireland, of which he was in charge during the last four years of hostilities. He received his majority in 1917, and finally retired from the Service in October, 1919.

The funeral took place at the cemetery on Boxing-day, the Wesleyan minister officiating. The mourners were Captain W. J. GOODMAN, late R.A., and Mr. F. GOODMAN (sons), Mesdames READ and MATTHEWS (daughters), Mr. W. A. READ (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. HALE and Mrs. ELKINS (Carisbrooke). Those also present included Major A. T. PETRIE and Messrs. T. SPOONER (Carisbrooke) and SANDERS (old comrades of the Indian Ordnance Department), Mr. F. BARNES (Carisbrooke), Dr. Spencer CHURCHILL, and representatives of the local branch of the British Legion, of which the deceased was a member.
