

THE ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday September 19th 1908

Death Notice:-

HEWITT .. On the 12th September, 1908 at 20 Nelson Place, Ryde, **Thomas Henry HEWITT**, late Indian Commissariat Dept., aged 73.--No flowers by request.

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HEWITT .. Sept. 12, at 20 Nelson-place, Ryde, **Thomas Henry HEWITT**, late Warrant Officer in the Indian Army, aged 73.

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VETERAN'S FUNERAL

Warrant Officer **Thomas Henry HEWITT**, who died on Saturday at the age of 73, joined the 20th Regiment in 1849. He there remained until 1854, when he joined the Indian Commissariat Department, to which branch of the service he was attached until his retirement in 1880. He served five years in Canada and two in the Crimea, and during his service in India he went through the Indian mutiny and served two years in Afghanistan. He had lived in Ryde since 1885. His medals included the Crimean medal with the Sebastopol Clasp, the Turkish medal of 1855, the Indian mutiny medal with the Lucknow clasp, the Afghanistan medal (1878-80), and good conduct and long-service medals. The funeral took place on Thursday, with military honours. The procession was headed by a firing party, under Sergt. GRIFFIN, from the 8th-Hants (Princess Beatrice's), whose band also attended and played Chopin's "Marche Funebre" with muffled drums. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The bearers were six Royal Garrison Artillerymen from Puckpool, under Mr. G. R. J. DAVEY. The Ryde Coastguards, under Chief Officer GRACE, also followed with the Fishbourne and Seaview Coastguards, under Chief Officers LAKE and WILLIAMS.

The mourners were Mrs. HEWITT (widow), Mr. W.T. HEWITT (son), Mrs. W.T. HEWITT (daughter-in-law), Mr. BARNES (brother-in-law), Miss BARNES (sister-in-law), Mr. J. WAITE, Mr. and Mrs. J. ALLMET, Mrs. MOODY, and Mr. Claude SMITH. The service at St. James's Church was impressively read by the Rev. R.R. COUSENS, who also pronounced the committal sentences at the graveside. Here the hymn "My God, My Father, while I stray," was sung by the St. James's choir, the "Last Post" was sounded, by the bugler, and the firing party fired three volleys over the grave. Messrs J. PERKIS and Sons were the undertakers. After the funeral the Service men had tea in the Town-hall and the Rev. R.R. COUSENS afterwards addressed them.

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