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**John Ramsey SLADE & Lucia RAMOS.**

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1913

Death Notice:-

**SLADE** .. On September 4th at Crane Lodge, Salisbury, Major-General Sir **John Ramsey SLADE**, K.C.B., aged 70.

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### **THE LATE GENERAL SLADE Funeral at Ryde**

The remains of the late Major-General Sir **John RAMSEY SLADE**, K.C.B., Colonel Commanding R.A., and Gentleman Usher to the King, who passed away at his residence at Salisbury on Saturday, were interred in Ryde Cemetery on Monday with full military honours. The late officer, who some years ago resided in Ryde was born in 1843, and after passing through the Royal Military Academy obtained his commission in the Royal Artillery in 1861. his first opportunity for seeing service came in the Afghan War of 1878 when after first taking part in the operations against the Zakka Khel in the Bazaar Valley he served in the first part. He served during the first part of the campaign as adjutant of the Artillery under the late Sir Samuel BROWNE. The following year he commanded E. Battery Horse Artillery at the battle of Maiward, and with the fame earned by this battery on that occasion, his name will always be associated. Subsequently he was present at the siege and the battle of Kandahar, and after having been three times mentioned in dispatches he was awarded the medal and clasp a brevet-majority, and the C.B. in the Transvaal Campaign of 1881, he served on the staff of General Sir Thomas BAKER, who was in command of the lines of communication, and in 1887 he was selected as Military Attaché to the British Embassy at Rome. Nine years later he was attached to General BALDISSERA'S staff in Abyssinia, for which he received the Italian war medal. COLONEL SLADE commanded later the Royal Artillery in the old North-Eastern District, whose headquarters were at York, and after promotion to Major-General in 1889 commanded for two years the British troops in Egypt. He retired in 1905 on reaching the limit for age, and two years later was made a K.C.B. Previously he had received a distinguished service reward. Sir John married in 1871 Lucia, daughter of Signor Vincenzo RAMOS, of Madrid. She died the following year, and in 1882 he married Janet, third daughter of General Blucher WOOD, C.B., by whom he had one daughter. He was appointed by King Edward a Gentleman Usher at Court, a post which he continued to hold during the present reign.

At two o'clock on Monday a company of the Royal Garrison Artillery from the Southern District, a firing part of about 60, under Major FRAZER, and the full band of the R.G.A. under Bandmaster LEE, which formed the military escort, assembled at the Esplanade and along Pier-street, prior to the arrival of the chief mourners from the boat. The remains in a black coffin bearing the inscription :

Major-General Sir John Ramsey SLADE,  
Born 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1843,  
Died 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1913.

Covered with the Union Jack, on which reposed the sword, helmet and decorations of the deceased General, were placed on a gun carriage drawn by a team of six black horses, at the Pier Gates. The firing party headed the procession, marching slowly between two lines of the bandsmen, who immediately fell in behind them. The gun carriage drawing the remains came next followed by the chief mourners, whilst another company of the R.G.A. followed a number of officers bringing up the rear.

The officers included Brigadier-General KELLY, Lieut.-Colonel LOGAN, R.G.A., Lieut.-Colonel STEPHENSON, Major FRAZER, Major RAVENSHAW, D.A.Q.M.G., Southern Coast Defences, Major WALES, Captain LEGGOTT, Captain GROSE, Captain GRIFFITHS, Captain BULLOUGH (Sandown), Captain NEVEN, Lieutenant ROWE, Lieutenant KINGDOM, Lieutenant ROSE, Lieutenant RAMSEY, (Golden Hill), Lieutenant C.D.D. SWAIN and others.

The chief mourners were Lady SLADE, Mrs. MARLING, Mrs. Francis GREGSON (sisters), Field Marshal Lord GLENFALL, Mr. SLADE, Mr. Cecil SLADE, Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund SLADE, Mr. Francis GREGSON, Mr. Henry FANE, Mr. and Mrs. RUMBOLD, Colonel MILFORD, and Mr. Roland BURDON, Miss Millicent WYMER (representing Major WYMER). GENERAL Sir Horace SMITH-DORRIEN and Colonel FLUDYER attended, representing His Majesty the King. The procession marched to the Cemetery to the strains of Bethoven's and Chopin's funeral marches. The burial service was pronounced by the Rev. Father MURPHY (Ryde), and the Rev. Father KING (Portsmouth). Three volleys were fired over the grave and the last post was sounded by the R.G.A. Trumpeters, Portsmouth .

Telegrams of condolence was received from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught , the King and Queen of Italy, Queen Margharita of Italy, The B Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, and the Empress Eugene.

There were no flowers, but a touching tribute was received from Major LYNDE, late 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment, bearing the inscription " In affectionate memory of the gallantry in rescuing me while wounded on the battle of Maiward, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1880."

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