

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1899

### A VOLUNTEER'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Sergeant-Major **WALL**, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion the Kent Regiment, (whose death at 2, Daniel Street, Ryde, was recorded in our last issue), took place at the Cemetery, last Friday afternoon, with full military honours. The body was conveyed on an open hearse, and was covered with the Union Jack as a pall. A firing party of deceased's corps attended under Sergeant-Instructor FUNNELL, and four sergeants of that regiment – Sergeants BIDDLE, HICKMOTT, HOSMER, and FULL – acted as pall bearers. Colour-Sergt. RANDES, and Sergeants TRODD, WILLIAMS, COOK, ARMSTRONG, and BAKER, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Hants, also attended. The band of the Island regiment under Mr. ALEXANDER, played the German Funeral March. The Rev. Father COTTER officiated at the grave.

There were flowers from deceased's widow and daughter, and from the officers and sergeants of his regiment. Deceased was 48 years of age. He had been ill about a year, and came to the Island six weeks since, his wife's relatives residing here. After the interment the band played the firing party to the pier.

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