

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1887

In consequence of Mrs. **SWEETMAN**'s death, the Volunteers did not march out as usual on Thursday evening, but were drilled in the market. After the drill, Captain **FLUX** said they all knew that since they last met an officer who had taken a great interest not only in that detachment but in Volunteering generally, had suffered a sad bereavement, which was all the more painful because it was the second under similar circumstances. He knew how deeply they all sympathised with him, and acting on a suggestion made to him, he had sent a wreath in the name of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and members of the detachment. He further suggested that he should write a letter of condolence to Lieut. **H. SWEETMAN**, Lieut. **C. SWEETMAN**, who was present, said he had been requested by his brother to thank Capt. **FLUX** and the officers and members of the detachment for the wreath and for their sympathy, which he was very highly appreciated, Capt. **FLUX** announced that in consequence of Mrs. **SWEETMAN**'S death, there would be no out-door drill and no performance by the band. They felt that this was the least they could do to show their respect for their lieutenant.

---

Researched by  
Ann Barrett