

### MAJOR A. J. HARTNALL DIES IN INDIA

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of Major **A. J. HARTNALL**, 2nd Wessex Brigade, R.F.A., which occurred at Jubbulpore, India, on March 6th. The widow received a telegram from Exeter on Thursday intimating that death took place from plague. Major HARTNALL may be described as a splendid fellow and a fine soldier.

On the formation of the Howitzers in Ryde he joined as a gunner. He was later promoted to be sergeant, and received a commission in 1912. He was mobilised on the outbreak of war, went to Salisbury Plain in September, and sailed for India in October. He held the rank of Captain then, and it is since he has been on active service that he was promoted to be Major. The battery saw active service in Aden in 1915, and took part in the fighting around and the subsequent capture of Waht. The officer commanding the brigade, describing the fighting said: "It was a magnificent piece of endurance, dash and spirit." Major HARTNALL returned to India last year. He was a most popular officer.

By profession Major HARTNALL was a journalist. For several years he was connected with the *Leicester Daily Post*, and on the death of his father, Mr. J. Chamberlain HARTNALL, in 1904, he took over the business of the *I.W. Observer*. He was a man of musical tastes and fond of boat sailing. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. HARTNALL and her son and daughter.

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*NB: It has been noted that his wife Katharine Sophia HARTNALL, was cremated 1st May 1962.*