ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 29th December 1917

MILITARY WEDDING

A pretty military wedding was solemnised at Holy Trinity Church on Boxing Day by the Rev. J. E. EDDIS, M.A., R.D., between 2nd Lieut. **W. DRUMMOND**, of the South African Heavy Artillery, youngest son of Mr. C. DRUMMOND, of Cape Town, and Miss **Hilda Marguerite JAMES**, second daughter of Mr. Francis R. JAMES, R.N., of 3, Marine Terrace. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in embroidered white silk, with ninon corsage, and carried a sheaf of white lilies. Her two small bridesmaids, Miss Doris JAMES (sister of the bride) and Miss Hilda MIDLANE, looked very sweet in dresses of pink georgette and mob caps, and carried baskets of pink and white flowers. They wore gold wish-bone brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Sidney MIDLANE, R.N., officiated as best man.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents, when a large number of friends assembled to tender their good wishes to the bride and bridegroom. Later in the day the newly wedded pair left for Exeter, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going away costume was of Navy blue, and she wore a handsome set of furs, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bride is well known locally, having often given her services at concerts in aid of the Red Cross. The bridegroom who came over from South Africa with the first contingent of the S.A.H.A., has seen a good deal of service in France, and gained his commission on the field. The bride's father has just returned from a long period of service in the Eastern Mediterranean. The presents were both numerous and useful.

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