

DEATH OF LIEUT. COL. A.P.BROWNE, D.S.O.

The death took place on Thursday week at the Westminster Hospital Annexe of Lieut. Col. Alfred Percy BROWNE, son of the late Gen. Sir Samuel BROWNE, V.C., the inventor of the well known Sam BROWNE belt, who formerly resided at The Wood, East Hill-road, St. John's Park. The deceased began a distinguished career in the Army in 1887, when he received a commission in the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers). In the following year he was transferred to the Indian Army and for 30 years served with the Central India Horse. His first experience of campaigning was in the upheaval on the North-West Frontier from the summer of 1897 until the spring of 1898. He was in many engagements in the Kurrum Valley and in Tirah and he served with the Indian contingent in the Allied campaign against the Boxers in China in 1900, and was mentioned in despatches. During the Great War he commanded the 38th Central India Horse in France. He was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the D.S.O. and the Order of St. Anne. Lieut. Col. BROWNE retired from the Army in 1920. In the previous year he married Winifred Marie, daughter of Lieut. Col. J.E.RHODES, of Appley Rise, and for several years until 1925 he lived at Harford Lodge, Haylands, before removing to Dinard. The remains were brought to Ryde for interment on Monday. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and bore a wreath from the widow. The Vicar of Ryde (Canon G.A.JOHNSTONE) officiated. The chief mourners were Mrs BROWNE (widow), Col. E.W. and Mrs CRADOCK (brother-in-law and sister), Miss BROWNE and Miss V.BROWN (sisters), Gen. S.D.BROWNE (brother), Col. J.E.RHODES (father-in-law), Miss RHODES (sister-in-law), Major and Mrs Cecil WILSON (uncle and aunt), Mr H.C.SUTTON and Major W.W.RHODES (uncles), Miss Brenda RHODES and Mrs SYMONS-JEUNE (aunts). Among those present were Sir Norman LESLIE, Col. James GOULIE (representing the Central India Horse), Sir Charles CAMPBELL, Admiral Lowther CROFTON, Col. J.R.HUTCHINSON, Mr P. LIDDELL (representing the English colony at Dinard), Major J.N.MEARS, Capt. V.PHILLIMORE, Capt. Stuart LITTLE (representing Bembridge Sailing club), Dr. J.D.DAVIES, Dr. E.RICH, Messrs. E.CARTER, P.THELLUSSON, G.FARDELL, F.BOGER, J.BARTLETT, R.O.SPENCE (representing Col. A.H.O.SPENCE), and C.SHAW. Mrs E.CARTER, Miss COCHRANE, Miss DU BOULAY, Mrs WOODRUFFE, Mrs PHILLIPS, Miss MORETON, Mrs J.GORDON, Mrs PERROTT, and Mrs LAVERS. Among a large collection of floral tributes were wreaths from all ranks of the Central India Horse, and the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, of which he was a former secretary, and Bembridge Sailing Club. Messrs. Purnell & Purnell were the undertakers.