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A RYDE VETERAN

The death of Admiral E. FIELD, of Gosport, at the advanced age of 83 brings before our notice an aged resident in the town of Ryde, namely Mr. WHITTINGHAM, of Swanmore Road, who is now some 91 years of age. This old resident was formerly in the Royal Marines, and was with Admiral FIELD from 1845-1847, when Admiral FIELD was taking part, in the capacity of a cadet, in stirring operations in South America. Mr. WHITTINGHAM is probably the only person living who was associated with Admiral FIELD at that time. Mr. WHITTINGHAM also served his country well on the Britannia, now lying at Dartmouth, and is one of the now fast diminishing few Crimean veterans. Mr. WHITTINGHAM, whose sight now is not of the best, was not long ago amongst those old veterans who shook hands with His Majesty the King at Portsmouth.

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