

MARRIAGE: 1899 at Primitive Methodist Chapel, Star-street, Ryde.
Henry William COOMBES & Louisa Ann ORCHARD

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MR. H.W. COOMBES

A survivor of two wars, the South African war and the Great war, died on Wednesday in the person of Mr. **Henry William COOMBES**, of 5 Harding-Road. Deceased, who was 62 years of age, took to his bed on December 29th, but six weeks ago he was removed to the County Hospital, where he died after the amputation of a leg.

With the Munster Fusiliers Mr. COOMBES took part in the Modder River engagement in South Africa, where he was taken prisoner. He received two medals for this campaign. In the last war he joined the 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment, and was the possessor of the Mons Star. He was later transferred to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and discharged at the end of 1916 suffering with frostbite.

A Ryde man by birth, Mr. COOMBES was at one time a member of the local branch of the British Legion and had joined the newly formed South African War Veterans' Association. His last job before being taken ill was connected with the alteration at Cowes Co-operative Society's stores in High-Street.

The Rev. J. Gillson GILL (Vicar) officiated at the funeral at St. John's Church on Saturday afternoon, the mourners being the following:

Mrs. COOMBES (widow), Mr. W. COOMBES (son), Mrs. W. RICHARDSON, and Mrs. F. BARTON (daughters), Mr. F. COOMBES (brother), Mrs. G. WEST (sister), Mrs. W. COOMBES and Mrs. F. COOMBES (daughters-in-law), Mrs. W. DAY and Mrs. R. FURMIDGE (sisters-in-law), Mr. G. WEST (brother-in-law), Miss Lily WEST (niece), and Mr. SAUNDERS (cousin). The interment was at St. John's Cemetery.

Mrs. COOMBES and family wish to thank all kind friends for their sympathy during their bereavement.
