

HENRY WILLIAM DENNIE

DEATH OF MAJOR DENNIE.- We regret to record the death of Major Henry William DENNIE, which took place at his residence, Melville Street, on Friday last. The deceased gentleman was a Crimean veteran, having served with the 28th (North Gloucester) Regiment, now the 1st Battalion Gloucester Regiment. He was in the Crimean during the winter months of 1854, when the British troops suffered such dreadful hardships and died in hundreds of cold and want, though abundance of stores and warm clothing were lying at Balaklava, comparatively speaking only a few miles off. Major DENNIE shared the fearful hardships of his men, and received such severe injuries to his feet from frost-bite as to quite incapacitate him from further service, and he had to leave the army and retire on a pension in 1855. He received the medal with the Sebastopol clasp, and the Turkish medal.

For about 40 years Major DENNIE has resided in Ryde, but his severe injuries prevented him from getting about much, but at one time he was able to ride a tricycle, and was often seen riding in the neighbourhood of the Boating Lake, and few failed to sympathise with the tall soldierly figure so crippled in the service of his country.

The funeral of Major DENNIE took place on Tuesday last. Amongst those who paid a last respect to the deceased gentleman and attended at the cemetery were Captain GREEN, Dr. DAVIES, Colonel BALDURS, Ald Ernest GROVES, J.P., Mr. NEWBALD, etc. The chief mourners were the housekeeper, servants and nurse. The coffin was of polished elm with brass furniture, and the breastplate bore the inscription "William Henry DENNIE, died February 1st, 1901; aged 76 years." The Rev. W.M. CAMERON vicar of Holy Trinity, officiated. There were a number of floral tributes.
