

**Veteran "Tiger's" Death.** - Mr. **William DYER**, who joined the Hampshire Regiment in July 1890, died at his home in East-street during the week-end, aged 69. He served in India for 15 years with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, but was in Somaliland in 1902 and again in 1904. He re-enlisted in 1914 and served throughout the Great War. His passing is the first break in a small circle of former men of the Hampshire Regiment, who for many years have met on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Stand Hotel to drink to the health of their old regiment and commemorate Minden-day, when they each wore the customary roses. The other veteran Tigers are ex-Corpl. H. F. HAYES, Pte. George GRINHAM, and Pte. William ELDRIDGE. At one time he was champion shot in the British Army in India and won several trophies. In 1918 he entered the employ of the old Ryde Pier Company and subsequently became a flagman on the permanent way of the Southern Railway until his health gave out. He leaves four daughters and two sons, Roy serving in the Royal Navy, and Jack in the R.A.F.

The funeral service in Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday was conducted by the Rev. F. H. ROLPH. The mourners were Mrs. BLOOMFIELD and Mrs. THOMAS (daughters), Mr. G. DYER (brother), Mr. E. SHALES (brother-in-law), Mr. R. BLOOMFIELD and Mr. H. A. APPEL (sons-in-law), Mr. J. JAMES (representing the Southern Railway), and Mr. H F. HAYES. There were several beautiful floral tributes.

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