

Death of Major J. E. F. MONTAGUE.--- We regret to announce the death at the County Hospital on Sunday of Major John Eric Forsyth MONTAGUE, R.A., of Minden House, West-street. He had not enjoyed robust health for a long time, and his illness took a serious turn about a week before his death. The deceased gentleman was the son of the late Mr. J. M. MONTAGUE, of the Indian Civil Service.

He was educated at Cheltenham, and, after passing through Woolwich joined the Royal Artillery. Most of his service was in India, where he took part in two or three minor campaigns, and he was there during the last war. He came home for health reasons, and for a time was at Osborne, and then lived at Eveline, Tower-road, East Cowes. Major MONTAGUE was an enthusiastic big game shot, and had many trophies to his credit. He was a keen golfer, and a member of the Osborne and Needles Clubs. He was elected a member of the Royal Victoria Y.C. in 1937 and has been acting secretary while Comdr. MACDERMOTT (hon. secretary) is on active service. He has made many friends, and was particularly popular among the bridge section. Recently he joined the Home Guard, and was second in command of A Company. His death at the comparatively early age of 53 is deeply regretted.

The funeral took place at the cemetery on Tuesday, and members of the Home Guard acted as bearers. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. The Rev. H. B. WORTHINGTON officiated, and the mourners were Brigadier Philip J. A. MONTAGUE, M.C. (brother), and Capt. A. W. MITCHIE.

Among others present were Major T. C. CUNNINGHAM (I.W. zone commander, Home Guard), Brig.-Gen. C. F. ASPINALL-OGLELANDER, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (O.C., East Wight Battalion), Lieut.-Col. F. H. FERNIE (commanding Wootton Company), Capt. F. E. BREACHER (O.C., Ryde A Company), Messrs. W. RAMAGE, C. LIFE, L. G. TANCOCK, and J. AITCHISON (Numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 platoons), Capt. W. S. RUSSELL, Messrs. F. R. YOUNG, V. TURNER, H. WILLIAMS, R. NUNN, P. J. BAYZAND, BUNDLE, SEARLE, and T. S. SCOVELL (Home Guard), Dr. B. W. F. WOOD (Royal Victoria Y.C.), Mr. C. H. WRIGHT, Eng.-Capt. R. P. JANION, R.N., and Mr. A. G. SALMON.

The flowers included those from the Zone Headquarters, Home Guard; General ASPINALL-OGLELANDER and the officers of the East Wight Battalion; A Co., East Wight Battalion; and the flag officers, Royal Victoria Y.C.

Mr. C. LANGDON was the undertaker.
