BIRTH: 1868 Ryde (IW Registrars ref: RO30/E54) **John Thomas MUSSELL** (mother's maiden name STEVENS)

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1925 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 716 **MURSELL** Mrs. 2 Winton-street, Ryde, IW.

1927 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 730 **MURSELL John**, 2 Winton-street, Ryde, IW.

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**Death of Mr. J. T. MUSSELL**.---The death took place at a local nursing home on Friday week, of Mr. John Thomas MUSSELL, of 2 Winton-street, at the age of 70. Mr. MUSSELL, a native of the town and a familiar figure here since his retirement in 1921, is believed to be one of only two Englishmen to have received the Chinese equivalent of the Victoria Cross, awarded him while serving in China on behalf of the Eastern Telegraph and International Communication Companies. By sending an important cable he saved a situation during the war with the Manchuriane. When 18 years of age he went to Spain and afterwards to South Africa.

The funeral was at the Cemetery on Monday, the Rev. C. P. BRYAN (Holy Trinity) officiating. The mourners were Miss F. SHIELLS (cousin), Mrs. and Miss KNOTT, Miss M. REED, Miss DOVER, Mrs. and Miss OSBORNE, and Mrs. ORCHARD.

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Researched by Ann Barrett