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Edward RICHARDS. Son. 15. Errand Boy. Colchester, Essex.

Mary RICHARDS. Dau. 13, Scholar. South Africa (British Subject).

Eliza RICHARDS. Dau. 8. Scholar. Isle of Wight.

Grace RICHARDS. Dau. 6. Scholar. Islington, London.

William RICHARDS. Son. 4. Scholar. Dover, Kent.

Frederick RICHARDS. Son. 1. Chatham, Kent.

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## ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1900

## **DEATH OF A VETERAN**

After faithfully serving his country for nearly 37 years, Mr. Edward RICHARDS, a veteran soldier, of 41 Weeks Road, Ryde, answered the last roll call on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. The deceased, who was a Ryde man, was in his 55<sup>th</sup> year, and enlisted at an early age. For many years, he was Drum-major of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 88<sup>th</sup> Connaught Rangers. He went through the Indian Mutiny, and was present at the Relief of Lucknow, for which he received a medal and clasp. He also went through the South African war in the years 1877-8 and 9, for which he received another medal and clasp. He also received long service and good conduct medals. On leaving the Army, after 27 years of faithful service for Queen and country, he joined the prison service as warder, in which he served nearly 10 years. He will be remembered as a policeman during the last season on Ryde Pier. At the Jubilee dinner, at which so many veterans were present, none could show so many medals or presented such a soldierly appearance as Mr. RICHARDS, who was very much respected by all who know him.

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