

DEATH OF A VOLUNTEER

We regret to record the death of Mr. **Augustus WALLER**, which occurred on Tuesday, at 80 George-street, after a brief illness. The deceased was an enthusiastic Volunteer, and, although only 24 years of age, had attained the position of corporal in the ambulance corps.

About a fortnight ago he shot at Bisley, and is believed to have caught a cold there, which led to an attack of inflammation of the bowels. Corporal WALLER was much liked and respected by his brother Volunteers and all who knew him, and we understand that the funeral (which will take place on Sunday) will be a military one, and that many of the Foresters will also attend.

AN IMPOSING FUNERAL

On Sunday last the remains of Corporal **A.A. WALLER**, of the bearer section of the Ryde Volunteer Detachment, were committed to the grave with full military honours, in the presence of thousands of spectators. At 3 o'clock the members of the Ryde Detachment mustered in full members in Lind-Street, the officers present being Major F. DASHWOOD, Major J. FLUX, Capt. ELLERY, Lieuts. H. and C. SWEETMAN, and Surgeon RICH. They then marched to the residence of the deceased in George-Street, where they were joined by members of the Newport, Cowes, Ventnor and Nunwell Detachments, the total number of Volunteers present being nearly 300. The coffin (which was wrapped in the Union Jack as a pall) was covered in a large number of tributes, including a magnificent wreath on which was a card bearing the inscription "A token of sincere respect from the officers, non-commissioned officers and members of the Ryde Detachment Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifle Volunteers, Sept. 18th, 1892." Another splendid wreath was inscribed "To our dear comrade, from the members of the Ryde Detachment Shooting Club."

As the coffin, borne on the shoulders of the comrades of the deceased, slowly passed up George-Street, between the lines of Volunteers, the band, under Mr. R.A. COOKE, played the mournful strains of the "Dead March" in *Saul*. The Volunteers fell into their places as the coffin passed, and no less than 130 Foresters (of which deceased was a member) each wearing the green ribbon and a sprig of myrtle, also joined in the procession, as did likewise a number of members of the Ryde Working Men's Rowing Club, of which the deceased was captain.

The procession slowly wended its way to Holy Trinity Church (which was crowded) where the first portion of the burial service was read, the Rev. C.R. SHARPE officiating. The hymn was "Christ will gather in his own." On leaving the Church Mr. JAMES, the organist, played "Dead March." The procession was then re-formed. It was headed by the firing party with arms reversed, then came the band, next the choir of Holy Trinity, (of which the deceased had been for many years a member), the Rev. C.R. SHARPE and the churchwardens (Messrs. J. FARDELL and JACKSON), then the coffin, Volunteers Foresters, &c. Altogether there must have been nearly 500 people in the procession. The remaining portion of the burial service was impressively performed, and the hymn, "A few years shall roll," was sung. After the ordinary service Br. W. GRIFFIN, the Chief Ranger read the Forester's service, after which the usual three volleys were fired over the grave.

In addition to the wreaths above mentioned floral tributes were also sent by the Holy Trinity Choir, and the members of the Ryde Working Men's Rowing Club, the Bearer Section, Mr. A. WOODWARD and family, Mr. and Mrs. MAVITTA (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. E. MATTHEWS, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. HOLBBS, Mr. and Mrs. H.D. WILLIAMS, Mr. E. JAMES and family, Mrs. MONTGOMERY and family, Mrs. E. BUTLER, Messrs. P. JAMES, H. TURTLE, C.H. FLUX. L. WOODS. C. TURNER, G. COFFIN, and BANHAM, Misses H. MERWOOD, L.

HERON, MAKEPIECE, M, COMDEN, M. HOUNSELL, M. WOODROW &c.

Corporal WALLER took part in the recent shooting match against the 3rd V.B. East Surrey Regiment, at Bisley, on the 22nd of last month. Lieut. H. SWEETMAN received the following kindly letter; Dear Sir, We are very sorry to hear of the sad death of poor WALLER. Will you please convey to his friends the sympathy of the whole of the Kingston men. The team are sending a wreath as a small token of respect. It has been addressed to you, not knowing where else to send it. When it comes will you kindly forward it to the proper quarter for us. With kind regards, believe me, yours faithfully, Donald MACROSTIE.

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