

**DEATH OF MUTINY VETERAN.**

With great regret we record the death of **Commander Robert George HURLOCK**, late of the Indian Navy, which occurred at Brockenhurst, Argyll Street, Ryde, on Monday at the age of 76.

The deceased officer saw a great deal of service in India, Persia, and China, and his valuable services to his country were acknowledged on more than one occasion. He joined H. M. Indian Navy on June 13, 1819, at the age of 16. That navy was nothing to do with the Honourable East India Company, as has been stated, but was an India Navy maintained by her late Majesty's Government, and was an imperial force. The first ship he joined was the Moozuffer, and he served subsequently in the Auckland, Clive, Tigria, Ferooz, Falkland, Queen, Ajdaha, and also Coromandel and Semiramis. Of these last two ships he was in command. He served through the Burmese War of 1852-3, and Persian War, 1856-7, the China War, 1860, and the Indian Mutiny, 1857-8-9. He was present at the storming and capture of Rangoon, Prome, and Mathar in Burmah; at the capture of Bushire and Mahumrah in Persia. He was also at the capture of the Tako Forts in China. Altogether he had three medal and clasps.

He was frequently mentioned in despatches and received thanks of the Governor General of India for the navigating and opening up of the Coromandel River and bringing up Naval Brigades. In November, 1859, after the Indian Mutiny, he took a vessel to China with a large transport in tow, having the 4th Buss on board. This task was rendered the more difficult owing to the fact that he had to tow the transport against a strong N.E. monsoon, but it was performed cleverly and successfully. This earned for Commander HURLOCK the high praise of the Government of India and the Commander of the Indian Navy. When quite a lad, with only three year's service in, he was in charge of a pinnace at the capture of Prome, on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1852.

Another valuable service he performed, which gained him mention in dispatches, was the successful opening up of the river Sitang by the boats of H.M.S. Ferooze, prior to which no man-of-war's boat had ever been up the river. He accomplished this without charts or native pilots, but found a passage into the river and conducted in safety a fleet of provision boats to Toungoo. By the successful accomplishment of this task he was the means of saving the valuable communications and enable provisions to be brought to the troops under General STEELE. For this he was again mentioned in despatches and earned the warm approval of the officer commanding.

Commander HURLOCK retired from the Indian Navy in 1882. He had lived in Ryde for many years, where he had a large circle of friends who greatly admired and liked him. The deceased officer belonged to one of that huge army of men who, as naval, military or civil servants, by their self-sacrificing and devoted work, carried out under trying circumstances, which seldom comes before the public, have built up and maintained this great empire. A very modest and retiring man, he seldom talked much of his achievements. Some years ago his was a familiar figure on the Pier, where he would be greeted by many who liked to have the pleasure of talking to him. He was very fond of chess, and was one of the most regular attendants at the meetings of the Ryde Chess Club some years ago.

His remains were interred at Ryde Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. The first portion of the funeral service was at St. James' Church, the Rev. R. R. COUSENS, incumbent, an old comrade in arms of Commander HURLOCK officiating. A hymn was sung at the church, and at the graveside a touching address was given by Mr. COUSENS, in the course of which he referred to having known Captain HURLOCK for nearly sixty years, at first on a sloop of war, when they were officers together in the days of their youth and early manhood. He spoke also of the deceased's high character, and of his deep interest in everything which he considered to be for the advancement of the knowledge of the word of God. Though hindered by bodily afflictions, he constantly worked for the good of others, and his life was marked by unselfishness and nobility of character. There was a very large attendance both at the Church and graveside. The coffin was covered by the Union Jack, on which was placed a magnificent floral anchor, sent by Mrs. J. B. WATSON, his niece, who was the chief mourner. Mr. W. H. P. F. THIRKELL and Mr. Francis TURNER, the deceased gentleman's executors, were present.

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