

**Charles Henry Arthur Frank Downer**

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**Former I.W. Rifleman's Death.**- Sympathy is felt with Mrs. Downer, the widow, and with members of the family, in the death on Saturday of Mr. Arthur Downer, aged 57, of 12 Blackwater Road. He was a farm worker all his life, being formerly employed by the late Mr. J. W. Alexander and latterly by Mr. J. Y. Jolliffe. He served with the I.W. Rifles in the 1914-18 war, and was captured by the Turks at Suvla Bay, being subsequently held prisoner in Asia Minor until the war ended. He was severely wounded and lost a finger of his left hand as a result. A keen gardener, cultivating an allotment near his home with considerable skill, Mr. Downer was a man of quiet likeable nature and much regret is expressed at his death, which followed a long illness. The funeral was on Wednesday at Carisbrooke Cemetery, Father D. Rea officiating. The mourners were Mrs. M. J. Downer (widow), Mr. J. Downer (son), Miss E. Downer (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. T. Elliott (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. G. Hayward (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Tote, Mr. and Mrs. W. Holloway, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Mead, Mrs. V. Buckett, Mr. J. Slater, Messrs. L. Jones and Appel (workmates), and Miss M. Alexander. Sergt. H. Downer (son) is serving in Austria, and Mr. S. A. Porter, a fellow prisoner of war in Turkey, was unable to attend. Messrs. A. A. and R. J. Westmore made the arrangements.- Mrs. Downer and family thank Dr. Dowdall and Nurse Mansbridge and friends and neighbours for expressions of sympathy in their bereavement and for the many beautiful floral tributes.

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