

## Thomas Morton Moore

Hampshire Telegraph – 31 March 1860

### NEWPORT

Our obituary records the death of Lieutenant Thomas Moore, at Parkhurst Barracks. Deceased has seen much service abroad, and was particularly active in the Crimean war. He was buried on Wednesday last in the Carisbrooke Cemetery with military honours, the whole of the troops in the garrison, including the Durham Artillery Militia, accompanying the corpse to the grave.

Isle of Wight Observer – 31 March 1860

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**MILITARY FUNERAL.** ----Although Newport has for many years been a military town, seldom of late has it witnessed a military funeral. But this it did on Wednesday afternoon last, when the remains of Quartermaster Moore, of Parkhurst, were conveyed from the garrison, through the town to the Carisbrooke Cemetery. Any stranger passing through the town, after noon, would soon have been convinced that some unusual occurrence was about to take place. St. James's and the High-street, by about 2 o'clock, were thronged by men, women, and children, all anxious to witness the imposing sight. The mournful *cortege* left the garrison at about 2 o'clock, and at about half-past 2 the rumble of the muffled drums, and the subdued strains of the "Dead March", fell upon the ears of the hundreds of spectators. Slowly and solemnly the procession passed on. A company of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, with arms reversed, led the way. Then followed the band of the Devon Militia Artillery, accompanied by the fifes and drums of the regiment. After these came the coffin of the deceased Quartermaster, borne upon a ponderous gun-carriage, and placed upon the gun itself, and had thrown over it, instead of the pall, a well-worn Union Jack, surmounted with the deceased officer's sword and hat. The medals and decorations of the deceased were also appended to this military pall, and made many a stout heart beat at the sight of them. The gun-carriage was drawn by about 20 of the Devon Artillery. Then followed the Staff Officers of the battalion, and in the rear some hundreds of the different depots at Parkhurst; in fact, all who were not on necessary duty. While passing up the High-street, the "Dead March" gave place to the time honoured tune of "Portugal," executed by the fifes and drums, which, being completely covered by thick black cloth, gave forth a very subdued tone. At the corner opposite the Star-inn [*that would have been by the Old Newport Grammar School*], the Free Masons of the Newport Lodge fell into the procession, the deceased being "a Free and Accepted Mason." These added greatly to the imposing aspect of the *cortege*. At about 3 o'clock the procession reached the Cemetery, and was

conducted by the Rev. M. H. Eagan, Military Chaplain of the garrison, to the Cemetery Chapel, where the service was impressively read by him. It then removed to the grave, the coffin being borne upon the shoulders of six non-commission officers with black sashes, &c. At the conclusion of the burial service three volleys were fired over the grave by the company of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the procession reformed and marched homeward, with bayonets fixed and "merry tunes a-playing." The deceased Quartermaster was highly respected by both officers and men. He had seen much hard service, as his numerous medals testified, though but a young man when he died (just about 40). Never before did such numbers throng the Cemetery. We may say thousands were there; and with sorrow we add, that the effect of so much tramping upon the turf and flower borders will be sadly visible for many a month to come.

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