

William David Peachey

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NEWPORT

RETIRED BANDSMASTER'S DEATH.- The death of Mr. William David Peachey, aged 74, occurred at 82b Caesars-road early yesterday (Friday) morning. The deceased, who was greatly respected, will be remembered as a former bandmaster of the 1st Battalion of the Rifle Brigade and afterwards as conductor of the Newport Town Band. He had meritorious Army service, having enlisted in the Rifle Brigade (the old 95th) as a band boy, and retired after 39 years service as the talented bandmaster of that famous regiment. The 1st Battalion of the Rifle Brigade arrived at Parkhurst in February 1898, and left for the South African War in October 1899. Mr. Peachey was sent with details to the Curragh, Ireland, and after the war the details returned to England and were stationed at Queen's Barracks, Portsmouth. He took his discharge from the Army in Ireland in 1902. His decorations consisted of the medals for the Burmah campaign, the Fenian Outrage (Canada), the Long Service Medal, the last-named being awarded to him by the King in July 1924. Mr. Peachey leaves three sons and four married daughters. The eldest son served in the same regiment for 27 years and fought in the South African War and the Great War. The other two sons served in the 1st/8th Hants (Princess Beatrice Isle of Rifles) in the Great War. Deceased's old battalion went to India in 1880, and then to Hong Kong and Singapore, and returned home after 18 years foreign service. The funeral will take place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Sunday at 2.30 with semi-military honours.

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NEWPORT

A MILITARY FUNERAL.- Military honours were accorded by the I.W. (Princess Beatrice's) Rifles at the funeral on Sunday of Mr. W. D. Peachey, formerly bandmaster of the 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade, whose death occurred in the previous week at Caesar's-road. A band, composed of members of the I.W. Rifles and the Newport Town Bands (of which latter deceased was a former conductor), led the procession from the house to Carisbrooke Cemetery, playing Chopin's March funebre and similar music en route, under the direction of Mr. W. S. Harris. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and a detachment of the Newport Company of the I.W. Rifles followed, in charge of Capt. and Adjutant K. G. Baker, Capt. C. W. Brannon, M.C., and Lieut. F. H. J. Damp, M.C. Six warrant and non-commissioned officers of the Rifles acted as bearers, viz., K.Q.M.S. Bartlett, and Sergts. Nicholson, Connors., Williams, Blake and Russell, and at the conclusion of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Sutton, bugles of the Cowes Company I.W. Rifles sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille." The mourners were Mr. W. D. Peachey (son), Mrs. T. Parker (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Peachey and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Peachey (sons and daughters-in-law), and Miss V. Rayment and Master G. Rayment (grandchildren). Amongst those also present were Capt. G. Giddens and Messrs. S. Russell, T.C., E. O. White, A. H. Hughes, E. Dargan, and W. Callaghan. Many other friends of the deceased were doubtless prevented from attending by the heavy rain.

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