

William Thomas Elkins
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Former Footballer's Death.- Known to older residents as a skilful player for Newport Football Club about 30 years ago, Mr. William Thomas Elkins, of 3 Royal Exchange, died at St. Mary's Hospital on Monday aged 61. He had been employed as a yard assistant and labourer for Messrs. H. W. Morey and Sons, Ltd., for 38 years and during the 1914-18 war served in the Royal Artillery in France. He was a member of the Old Contemptibles' Association, the British Legion, and the R. A. Association, and was held in high esteem by his former comrades. His wife died about 26 years ago and there was no family. The funeral took place on Thursday, the service at Carisbrooke Parish Church being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. S. McKenzie). The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was carried by four fellow employees of Messrs. Morey (Messrs. H. and A. Saunders, G. Osborne, and C. Sanders). Members of the Old Contemptibles and the British Legion formed a guard of honour at the lych gate, and the crepe-draped Old Contemptibles' standard was carried by Mr. F. Coleman. The mourners were Messrs. A., Charles, T., S., and Chris Minter (nephews), Mrs. Charles Minter, Mesdames Whittington and Coleman, and Messrs. W. Downer, W. Measures, W. Sheath, and A. Abraham. The Old Contemptibles were represented by Chums E. C. Pearson, M.S.M (chairman), E. J. Fairweather (hon. secretary), the Rev. J. M. Connor, D.S.O. (chaplain and vice-president), T. C. Hartnell, C.C., G. Lines, and W. Vigurs, and the British Legion by Messrs. W. G. Rodway (vice-chairman) and E. F. Millgate, M. S. M. (hon. secretary), Mr. A. B. Gould represented the directors and Messrs. H. W. Morey and Sons, with Messrs. H. Green (mill) and L. J. Williams (joinery department) representing the staff, Mr. W. Fuller represented the Albion Helping Hand Fund of the firm, W./O. F. Morrison (hon. secretary), represented the R.A. Association, and Mr. C. E. Higginbotham was also present. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery and the floral tributes included wreaths from the ex-Service organisations and the firm. At the graveside the exhortation was recited by the Rev. J. M. Donnor. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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