Albert John Hawkins

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DEATH OF EX-SERVICE MAN. – The death of Mr. Albert John Hawkins, aged 53, occurred on Friday week at 11 Castle-road, after an illness arising from malaria contracted during Army service abroad, and much sympathy is felt with the widow and two sons in their sad bereavement. The deceased, who was the son of the late Mr. Edward Henry Hawkins, of Newport, served in the headquarters company of Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles, and afterwards for 28 years in the Royal Engineers, retiring as sergeant in 1920. He had since been employed as an electrician at Sandown Barracks. He was a staunch Conservative, formerly a member of Newport Conservative Club, and a member of the R.E.s Old Comrades' Association and the branch of the British Legion. The funeral took place on Tuesday when military honours were accorded. Six sergeants of the 2nd battalion Hants Regiment acted as bearers, the coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and two buglers sounded the Last Post at the graveside. The first part of the service was held in St. John's Church, the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon officiating, the interment following in Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mourners were the widow, Albert and William Hawkins (sons), Miss J. Hawkins and Mrs. H. L. Dalby (sisters), Mrs. Hurrell (niece), Mr. C. Hale (nephew), Mrs. Snell (mother-in-law), Mr. M. Attrill (uncle), Mrs. Hefferman, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bull. Among those also present were Mr. H. W. and Miss A. D. Horan, Mr. A. T. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. F. Breaker, Major Ashford, R.E. (retired), and the following members of the staffs of the R.E.s at Sandown, Parkhurst, and Freshwater: Lieut. B. Keegan, R.E., and Messrs. F. Nettleton, A. J. Wood, A. T. Saunders, Johnson, Toms, Hefferman, and Burt. ... - Mrs. Hawkins and family wish to thank the staff of the County Hospital and Dr. Raymond for their kind attention and friends for floral tributes. Messrs. Quinton carried out the arrangements.

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