

William John Woolgar

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WELL-KNOWN EX-ARTILLERYMAN'S DEATH. – The death occurred, after a long illness, on Tuesday, at his residence on the Parkhurst-road, of Mr. William John Woolgar, Army pensioner, at the age of 55. Deceased joined the old Island Volunteers as a lad, and was bugle-major of the battalion when still in his teens. He afterwards joined the Royal Artillery, in which he served for 21 years, and rose to the rank of quartermaster-sergeant. He was discharged on pension in 1911, but rejoined for the war, and served in the Army Service Corps at Parkhurst as superintendent clerk under the late Major C. Sweetman. He was for some time caretaker at the Newport Post-office. He was highly esteemed, and much sympathy is felt for his widow and family. His only son is a staff-sergeant in the Royal Engineers. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the Vicar (the Rev. R. Story Busher) officiating. The mourners were the widow, Staff-Sergt. W. J. Woolgar, R.E. (son), Mrs. E. Farwell (daughter), Mr. G. Woolgar (brother), Mr. and Mrs. W. Corbin (sister and brother-in-law), Mr. W. Kemp (brother-in-law), Mrs. G. Kemp (sister-in-law), Mrs. Stay (niece), Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Summerbell, Mrs. Ranger, Messrs. L. W. Smith, R. S. Butterworth, and W. and G. Kearney. There were a number of beautiful floral tokens, including tributes of respect from the R.A.S.C. staff, Parkhurst, and the staff of H.M. Convict Prison.

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