

Julius Siller

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MILITARY FUNERAL AT THE WORKHOUSE.

The rare occurrence of a military funeral at a Workhouse was witnessed at Parkhurst yesterday afternoon, when full military honours were accorded by the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment at the interment of an old Crimean veteran, Julius Siller, aged 80, who died at the I.W. Union Infirmary this week. The deceased belonged to the Royal Marine Light Infantry, from which he was a pensioner, and he formerly lived at Shanklin. He had been in the Workhouse for some four years, owing to failing health. The band, fifes and drums, buglers, and firing party of the Worcestershires attended, in addition to others, and the ceremony, at which the Rev. J. B. Chaplin (chaplain of the Union) officiated, was very impressive. The “Last Post” was sounded by the buglers between the volleys fired over the grave at the close. Following the body was an old R.M.L.I. veteran, Gideon Taylor, a comrade of the deceased, who was anxious that this honour should be paid to the memory of his old friend, and who placed a wreath on his grave.

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