

William Cockle

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PARKHURST

Former Bandsman's Death.- The death occurred on Thursday at the Royal I.W. County Hospital of Mr. William Cockle, of 18 Whitesmith Road, aged 74. Mr. Cockle, a native of Suffolk, joined his home county's regiment in 1896 as a cornet player in the band. In 1912, while stationed at Parkhurst Barracks, he married and made his home on the Island. During his 25 years in the Army he saw service in India, Burma, and Malta. In the 1914-18 war he served with the "Old Contemptibles." At the end of the war he joined the band of the Naval College, Osborne, and also assisted the town bands of Newport and Cowes. During the last war he was employed at Albany Barracks by the Royal Engineers. The funeral service will take place on Monday at Newport Cemetery.

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The Late Mr. W. Cockle.- The interment took place on Monday, at Newport Cemetery, of Mr. W. Cockle, of 18 Whitesmith Road. The Rev. H. Guernsey officiated and the mourners were S.Q.M.S. Cockle, R.E. (son, representing Mrs. D. Cockle, widow), Messrs. C. A. Rouse and K. W. Whittington (sons-in-law, representing their wives), Messrs. G. and K. N. Jeffery (brothers-in-law), Keith Rouse (grandson), and Mr. Gapes. The Old Contemptibles' Association was represented by Chum E. Pearson (chairman), who recited the exhortation at the graveside, and Chums E. J. Fairweather (hon. secretary), W. Dore (stand bearer), F. Coleman, and A. Balchin. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. The floral tributes included those from the Old Contemptibles' Association and the neighbours of Whitesmith Road. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Sons made the arrangements.

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