

George Flux

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CRIMEAN VETERAN'S FUNERAL.---The funeral took place on Tuesday, at St. Paul's, Barton, of Mr. George Flux, aged 80, a Crimean veteran, who for many years had resided at Bartons-village, and whose death took place at the end of last week at the house of his daughter, at Bembridge, where he was on a short visit. The deceased was a naval veteran, having been a seaman on H.M.S. London during the Crimean war, when he was landed, fought in the trenches before Sebastopol, and came through unscathed, though he had some narrow escapes. After returning home from the Crimea he was transferred to H.M.S. Nimrod, and took part in the China war, again escaping injury. He held medals for the two wars named. The deceased was a native of Whippingham, whither he returned on leaving the service. Military and naval honours were accorded at the funeral. A party of blue-jackets from H.M.S. Racer, attached to the Royal Naval College, acted as bearers, under Lieut. Case. The coffin, wrapped in the Union Jack, was borne on a gun-carriage of the East Lancs R.F.A. (Territorials), drawn by six horses, and the Hants Regt. at Parkhurst furnished the band and firing party. Chopin's "March Funebre" was played as the impressive cortege was approaching St. Paul's Church, where the Rev. Charles Collis officiated and also at the new Cemetery, on the way to which the "Dead march" in "Saul" was played by the band. The personal mourners were Mr. and Mrs. E. Flux (son and daughter-in-law), Misses A. and M. Flux (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Flux (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Durham (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright (nephew and niece), and Mr. W. Mew. There was a large general attendance. At the conclusion of the service at the graveside the customary three volleys were fired and "The last post" was sounded by the buglers, after which the band played a verse of the hymn "On the Resurrection morning," whilst the firing party stood at attention with fixed bayonets. Floral tributes were sent from the Royal Naval College and from the Ward-room officers of the Royal Naval College, his sorrowing children, Alfred and Kate, Alfred and Celia, Mr. and Mrs. Mew, Louise, Mr. and Mrs. C. Toogood, and others. Mr. W. Flux carried out the funeral arrangements.-----The family of the late Mr. George Flux wish to thank all friends for kind inquiries and for sympathy. They also wish especially to thank officers and men of the 3rd Hants Battalion and officers and men of the East Lancashire R.F.A. (T.) and officers and men from the Royal Naval College, Osborne, for their kind and appreciated attendance at the funeral.

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