

## Joseph Alfred Spragg

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### NEWPORT

**Ex-Gunner's Death.** – The town lost a well known and respected resident on Sunday by the death of Mr. Joseph Spragg, aged 68. During the 1914-18 war he served in the Royal Field Artillery and was wounded and invalided out in 1918. In the last war he joined the 13<sup>th</sup> Hants Regiment and became a corporal. For 25 years he worked for the Corporation. He was a member of the Conservative Club, the "Old Contemptibles" Association, the British Legion, and the R.A. Association, and of the Sir Edward Riley Lodge of the R.A.O.B. for about 30 years. He leaves a widow, three sons, and two daughters, with whom sincere sympathy is felt. The funeral was on Wednesday, a service at St. Paul's Church being conducted by the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. E. A. B. Royds) and the Chaplain of the R.A.O.B. (the Rev. C. E. Paterson). The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and was followed into the church by the standard of the "Old Contemptibles." A ceremony at the graveside was conducted by the chaplain, and members of the Buffaloes and the British Legion scattered ivy leaves and poppies on the coffin. The family mourners were Mrs. A. Spragg (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. James Spragg (sons and daughter-in-laws), Mr. C. Spragg (son), Mr. and Mrs. B. Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. F. Young (sons-in-law and daughters), Messrs. J. and C. Spragg (brothers), Mesdames M. Chessell and E. Beggs (sisters), Messrs. P. Pragnell and M. Creighton (brothers-in-law), Mr. L. Pagnell (nephew), and Miss M. Douglas.

*{only family mourners transcribed}*

The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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