

Albert Edward Eldridge

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Death of an Old Contemptible.- The Island branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association has lost one of its first members by the death at the County Hospital, Ryde, on Sunday, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Albert Edward Eldridge, of 2 Coppins-bridge, formerly of Castle-road. He had served with the 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment, and at the outbreak of the Great War went with the first British Expeditionary Force to France, where he took part in some of the severest battles in Belgium and France, including those at Mons, the Marne, and the Aisne. Since the formation of the branch of the Old Contemptibles he had been one of the keenest members, and his death will be greatly regretted by them. He had been employed by the Southern Railway Co. at the jetty. The funeral took place on Thursday. The service in the Victoria Methodist Church was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Franklin, and the interment followed at Newport Cemetery. The coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack was carried by his fellow Chums of the Old Contemptibles' Association, viz., Messrs. H. McComb, W. G. Lines, F. Coleman, and J. G. Meekins. Other members of the branch, wearing their medals, formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the cemetery, and at the graveside Drummer Ivatts, of the 2nd Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment, sounded the Last Post. The mourners were Mrs. Eldridge (widow), Messrs. W. H., P. V., C. G., R., and A. Eldridge and Master R. Eldridge (sons), Mesdames E. Attrill, W. Waller, and Marden, and Miss B. Eldridge (daughters), Messrs. C. and G. Eldridge (brothers), Mrs. A. Sibbick and Mrs. E. Kent (sisters), Messrs. W. Waller and Marden (sons-in-law), Mrs. C. Eldridge, Mrs. H. Paul, Mr. E. Kent, Mr. Emmett, Mrs. Gustar, and Mr. Abraham (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), and Mrs. Egerton (niece). The Old Contemptibles forming the guard of honour were Messrs. E. C. Pearson (president), H. B. Wescomb (hon. secretary), J. Denny (hon. treasurer), R. D. Nunn, E. A. Hendy, W. Ward, A. Balchin, H. Moylan, A. V. Westmore, J. Spragg, A. G. Sibley, W. A. Cheverton, and J. N. Kimber. Mr. W. Newman was also present. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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