



Survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade, in 1855, photo by Roger Fenton

Death of Crimean Veteran Emmanuel Butt

Death and Funeral of Crimean Veteran

A sad impression was created in the village last week by the death of Mr. Emmanuel Butt, an old Crimean veteran, aged 89, who has resided for some time with his thirteenth daughter, Mrs. Bainton of Cottles Lane. On Saturday the funeral took place, when the remains were laid to rest in simple fashion without any sign of military honours, except that the coffin was covered with a Union Jack, lent by the Village schoolmaster, and a wreath of flowers sent by the Bradford-on-Avon Old Comrades. Mr. Butt was in the charge of Balaclava, served 12 years in India and took part in the Indian Mutiny, for which services he received three medals (two Crimean and one Indian Mutiny) with three bars (Sebastopol, Balaclava and Alma). He had been married three times, his first wife bearing him 13 sons and one daughter, of whom six sons died of cholera during the Indian Mutiny.

He had 20 grand-children, of whom six served in the Great War, one's name being unfortunately engraved on the village memorial cross. At the funeral on Saturday 14 grandchildren were amongst the mourners.

Mrs. Bainton has had a hard struggle to keep her father, having little to live upon but the produce of her garden and a few fowls. Mr. Butt's illness lasted two years, 15 months of which were spent in bed, and his death can only be described as a happy release from his earthly troubles.

Mrs. Bainton and Family wish to thank their many friends for flowers and sympathy shown them in their recent bereavement.

Cottles Lane, Winsley.

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