



## Nettleton

### Private Edwin Kent

### Soldier's Death from Wounds

### Military Funeral

Pte Edwin Kent aged 32 of the 2nd Wiltshire who was wounded whilst at the front, being shot through the spine, died in hospital in Norwich on Friday last week. He was a native of Yatton Keynell but prior to enlisting in January last, was residing at The Gibb being employed by Mr Higg, coal merchant of Burton. He leaves a widow and one little girl.

As soon as Pte. Kent's death became known and that the body would be brought to Burton for interment, those in charge of the local recruiting office interested themselves in trying to get a military funeral, and through the good offices of Lieut-Colonel Sir Audley Neeld, the Colonel Steward, Chief of the Devizes depot, was approached, and consented to the band and a firing party attending the funeral, which took place on Wednesday afternoon at Burton Churchyard, the Rev Stafford James officiating. The funeral procession from The Gibb to the church was headed by the band of the 2nd Wilts under Bandmaster Easton, playing the Dead March, and the firing party with arms reversed under Sergt Bridle and Corpl. Ings, Sergt. Smith and Pte. Faulkener, from the recruiting depot, Chippenham, were also present.

There was a large attendance at the church, and the mourners were:- the widow and deceased's daughter: Mrs Humphries (Mother): Mr H. Kent of the ASC (in khaki), and Corpl W. Kent, 10th Royal Hussars (brothers): Miss E. Kent (sister): Mr and Mrs J. Taylor (brother-in-law and sister): Mr J. Kent: and deceased's sister and her son. Others who followed included Mr and Mrs Fry and Mr Brown (The Gibb), Mr and Mrs H. Booy, Mr and Mrs A. Booy (Castle Combe); Mr and Mrs A. R. Dolman (Castle Combe), Mr Higgs and Mr Hill (former employers of the late Pte Kent). At the graveside, the firing party fired three volleys, and Bugler Ford sounded the "Last Post".

There were several beautiful wreaths, two being sent by the scholars at Castle Combe School, where Pte. Kent's little girl was a scholar.

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