

MAJOR EDMONDES DEAD.

Popular Yeomanry Officer Passes
Away in London.

Major C. G. J. Edmondes, of Colwinstone, near Bridgend, passed away on Friday in a nursing home in London after a long illness. The deceased gentleman, who was 41 years of age, was a son of the late Archdeacon Charles Edmondes of St. David's, and of Mrs. Edmondes of the Old Hall, Cowbridge, and a nephew of the Archdeacon of Llandaff. He was connected with a number of county families by birth and marriage, the widow being a sister of Mr. J. J. D. Nicholl, of Nerthyr-mawr.

As a young man, Major Edmondes studied mining engineering in the Rhondda Valley, and on the death of his father he went to reside permanently at Colwinstone. Becoming a prominent figure in county circles, he took a keen interest in the auxiliary forces.

In 1889 he received a commission as lieutenant in the 5th Battalion Worcestershire Militia (Infantry), and joined the Glamorgan Yeomanry as a captain on September 25th, 1901, being promoted to the rank of major in November of the same year. On the retirement of Colonel Wyndham-Quin a year or two ago, Major Edmondes became second in command of the regiment, a position he retained at the time of his death. Although a field officer, he continued to command the B

(Bridgend) Squadron, amongst the men of which he was highly popular and greatly esteemed. He had been in command of the squadron ever since he was gazetted to the Yeomanry, and the squadron certainly did him credit. They were the best shooting squadron in the regiment for several years, and won the inter-squadron challenge cup, presented by Miss Talbot, three years in succession, the trophy becoming the property of the squadron. Major Edmondes was one of the shooting team.

During the South African War he was engaged as a remount officer, and received the King's medal for his services.

He was a keen all-round sportsman and was one of the leading members of the Glamorgan Hunt. He regularly followed the hounds and was a bold rider. On many occasions he rode in the annual point-to-point races arranged by the Glamorgan Hunt. He was also secretary of the Glamorgan Gypsies. He was a consistent supporter of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society, and took an interest in the annual shows and in the welfare of agriculture in Glamorgan. As a county magistrate, he frequently took his place on the Bench at the Cowbridge Police Court.

Three children, with the widow, survive him.

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The Funeral.

The funeral took place in St. Mary's Churchyard, Cowbridge, on Monday, and was attended by crowds of sympathisers, who attended to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased gentleman. Punctually at 3.15 the mournful procession set out in pouring rain from the Old Hall, the residence of the deceased's mother. Preceding the coffin, which was borne on a bier carried by servants of the Hall, and loaded with floral tributes, were the Mayor (Coun. D. Tilley), accompanied by mace bearers, the Town Clerk (Mr. W. T. Gwyn) and the following members of the Corporation: Aldermen James and John, Councillors J. Williams, D. Thomas, W. L. Jenkins, J. Pickard, T. J. Yorwerth, C. M. Davies, F. Williams, R. E. Watkins, J. Thomas (deputy town clerk), Mr. C. J. Gwyn, and the borough auditor, Mr. W. A. James, jun. Following were the widow, her two sons, and many members of the family. There was a large attendance of the Glamorganshire Yeomanry, under the command of Col. Venables Llewelyn, with Capt. Thackwell (adjutant), Capt. Sir Francis Price, Capt. Cope, and Lieut. Nicholl-Carne, who lined the route from the house to the burial ground. At the church, the cortege was met by the Rev. H. S. Nicholl and other clergymen, and the choir. Prior to the arrival of the procession, the organist played Beethoven's Funeral March. The church was well filled with sympathisers for the most impressive service. The chancel of the sacred edifice looked charming, about forty wreaths being placed on the steps and in and around the choir seats. The service, which was of a choral character, commenced with the singing of the hymn, "On the Resurrection Morning," which was followed by a lesson—read by the Rev. I. Roberts—and the chanting of a Psalm. The hymn, "O God our Help in Ages Past," followed. There was a very large attendance at the graveside, and the committal service was read by Archdeacon Edmondes in pouring rain. After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, the hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace," was solemnly rendered by the crowd.

The grave was lined with moss and snowdrops—the latter being given by Mrs. Humphrey, Penllyn Castle—by gardeners in the employ of deceased. The coffin, of English oak and brass fittings, bore the following inscription:

Charles Gresford Irving Edmondes
Died 24th February, 1911
Aged 41 years.

At the conclusion of the committal a muffled peal of bells was rung.

The mourners were: The widow and her two sons, Mrs. Edmondes (mother), Miss Minnie Edmondes (sister), Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Williams (sister and brother-in-law), Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Stanley Clay, Col. and Mrs. Homfray, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Major and Mrs. Nicholl, Colonel and Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Piers, Mr. Lloyd (Ystalyfera), Major Foristier Walker (Malmesbury, Wilts.), The Mackintosh of Mackintosh, and General and Mrs. Tyler.

Many floral tributes were sent, of which the following is a list: Widow, Thomas Edmondes (son, "Sonnie"), Morgan Edmondes (son, "Winkles"), Mrs. Edmondes (mother), Minnie Edmondes (sister), Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Williams (sister and brother-in-law), The Boys (nephews), Tippy and Dian (nephew and niece), Mrs. Nicholl, senr. (mother-in-law), Mayor and Corporation of Cowbridge, Sister Lightfoot, Sister Holder, and Nurse Pledger, Mary and Bertha, Norah and Cecil. The Mackintosh of Mackintosh, and Mrs. Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. Acland Allen, Mrs. Whitehouse and John, Mrs. Bassett, Major Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Clay, Lieut. and Gerald Bruce, The Manor House, St. Hilary, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Byass, Mr. and Misses Booker, Nurse Ferrell ("Cherry"), Gwenny and Harry Fuller, the Staff of the Cottage, Bowlestwen, Miss Barton, Mrs. J. M. Rundall, Lydia and Hubert Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Cope, Uncle Fred (Archdeacon Edmondes), Herbie and Blanche, The Dean of Llandaff and family, Col. and Mrs. Lewis (Harry and Rupert), Freddy and Birt Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Torney, Mr. and Mrs. Legg and family, Mr. W. M. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and family, Col. and Mrs. Tuberville, Bob and Hilda Warlow, Glyn Homfray, Major Bennett, from all his friends at City-behyll, W. Dudley, Lee Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel, Jack Lloyd, W. J. H. and Mr. R. S. M. Pritchard, W. Shepard, Sergt. C. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Day, Hubert and Mrs. Williams (Rhoda and Manie), Mrs. Campbell, from all at Glanrhyd, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Gilbertson, from Clive and Gwyn, Mrs. and Miss Franklin, Major and Mrs. Nicholl, from all the nieces at Nerthyr Mawr, Mrs. Haines, General and Mrs. Tyler, from "B" Squadron of Glamorganshire Yeomanry, officers of Glamorganshire Yeomanry, non-commissioned officers and men of the Glamorganshire Yeomanry, permanent staff of the Glamorganshire Yeomanry.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Alfred James, Cowbridge.

Obituary of Major C G Edmondes 1911

The death occurred in a London nursing home, after a long illness, of Major C G J Edmondes. He was 41 years of age. He was the son of the late Archdeacon Charles Edmondes of St Davids and Mrs Edmondes of Old Hall, Cowbridge. His widow is a sister of Mr J J D Nicholl of Merthyr Mawr.

Major Edmondes studied engineering in the Rhondda Valley. He lived at Colwinston. In 1889, he received a commission as lieutenant in the 5th Battalion Worcestershire Militia (Infantry) and joined the Glamorgan Yeomanry as a captain on September 25th 1901, becoming a major in the November. After the death of Col. Wyndham Quin, he became second in command of the regiment and retained this position till his death. He was a keen sportsman etc etc.....

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