

Private Sidney Charles Bowden

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Obituary.

After an illness of over four years, the death took place on Sunday last of Sidney Charles Bowden, late Private, 2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards, and youngest son of Mr and Mrs Bowden, of Manor Row, Dawlish. This unfortunate young fellow was one of the old Army, and one of the very first Dawlish casualties of the war, being wounded on Oct. 1st, 1914, when his spine was injured. Medical skill proved of no avail to alleviate his condition, and ever since, up to the time of his death, he had been bed-ridden. Much sympathy is felt with the parents, who had another son killed in the war. Another, Corpl. F W Bowden, R.E., is a Military Medallist.

The funeral on Friday afternoon called forth a striking demonstration of sympathy. Marching at the head of the procession, under Q.M.S.I. A Stratton, R.E., D.C.M., were 34 Army men home on leave and silver-badge men, whilst six service men acted as bearers, viz., F Hill, R.N., A Aplin, R.N., T Williams, R.N., Sergt. A Reed, M.M., and Gunners W Petherick and C Comer, R.G.A.

The Revs F Simmons (vicar) and H C Pratt officiated. The mourners were the Father and mother, Corpl. Fred Bowden, R.E., M.M., and P.O. James Bowden, R.N. (brothers), Lily Bowden (niece), Mrs Cousins (step-sister), Mr and Mrs A Bowden (step-brother & step-sister), Miss Gladys Bowden (niece), Mrs Rose Criddle and Master T Criddle, Mrs A Strickland, Mr Jarvis, Mrs Monk and Mrs Lewis.

Besides those from the relatives there were floral tributes from Mrs Baker, Mrs Young Jamieson, Mrs and Miss Westenra, Mrs De Moleyns, Mrs Creaghe; "A token of respect and sympathy," from "The Boys" of Dawlish; Rose, Annie and Jack; Mrs Comer, Mrs Pillar. Mrs Sanders, Mrs Melhuish, Mrs Reyno'ds and Mrs Harris.

Mr J H Lamcraft, jun., was responsible for the funeral arrangements.