

# **Newspaper Reports of William Frederick Honywood Hinde**

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## **DEATH OF CAPTAIN HINDE**

A sad and tragic story of war, the relieving feature of which is a fine record of work and sacrifice in the Empire's service, was brought to notice this week by the death at 7, Dorset-road, on Saturday last, of Captain William Frederick Honywood Hinde, late of the 12th Royal Lancers.

The late Captain Hinde, who was 54 years of age, started his military career in the 12th Royal Lancers, and, after his marriage became Adjutant to the West Kent Yeomanry. Subsequently, he retired but rejoined the Army at the outbreak of the Boer War and served for a time at Colchester. When the present War broke out, he again answered his country's call, and was for several months on War Office staff duty, until a breakdown in his health necessitated his relinquishing his post and returning to Bexhill.

But greater cares than even his own ill-health were in store for the gallant captain. At the end of December, news was received that his son, Lieutenant H. B. L. Hinde, of the Somerset Light Infantry, attached to the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, had been killed upon active service. Lieutenant Hinde was in the fighting at Kut-el-Amara during the advance towards Baghdad, and fell at the battle of Ctesiphon on November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Then, on December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Captain's wife died, and his own death has reduced the family to one member, his daughter. Deep sympathy is felt.

## **THE FUNERAL**

A fully choral funeral service was conducted at St Barnabas Church on Tuesday, by the Ven. Archdeacon Gillmore, Chaplain of Cooden Camp, and the Vicar (Rev E. Mortlock). The organist (Mr Alan H. Thorne played the Dead March in Saul).

The mourners were – Miss Hinde (daughter), Rev. Arthur Whyte (half brother), Mrs Whyte (sister-in-law), Mr P. H. Wade (brother-in-law), Mrs Robert Harrison (sister-in-law), Major Douglas Stuart, Mr F. A. Denny, Mrs Smith Marriott, Miss Knight, Mr Geoffrey Cobb, Capt. E. W. Jeffrey.

Wreaths and other emblems of sympathy was sent by Miss Hinde, Major and Mrs Hinde, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Wade, Commander Beresford Whyte, and Mrs Whyte, Mr and Mrs F. A. Denny, Major and Mrs Douglas Stuart, Mrs Smith Marriott, the Queensborough Contracting Company, Mr Beresford Hope, Rev Arthur Whyte, Mrs P. Whyte, Mr Geoffrey Cobb, Mr F. P. Le Marchand, Miss Carey, Mr and Mrs Willis and servants, Miss Knight, From a very old Friend, Dr P. Savill and Mrs Harrison.

Mr Geoffrey T. Sabin, of 8-10, St Leonards Road, was the funeral director.

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## **THE LATE CAPTAIN HINDE**

### **THREE DEATHS IN THE FAMILY IN THREE MONTHS**

It is with regret that we record the death of Captain William Frederick Honywood Hinde, late of the 12th Royal Lancers, which occurred at 7 Dorset Road, Bexhill, on Saturday last. Captain Hinde had reached the age of 54 years. The deceased started his military career in the 12th Royal Lancers, in India, but after his marriage was appointed to the adjutancy of the West Kent Yeomanry. He returned to his regiment at the outbreak of the Boer War, and served for a time at Colchester. When the present war broke out he again placed his services at the disposal of the War Office and was for several months engaged on War Office staff duty, until a breakdown in health necessitated his relinquishing with great personal regret, his post. He was compelled to leave for the purpose of recuperating his health. Unhappily, this did not follow, and in the

weeks immediately preceding his death he experienced two bereavements of a terrible character. He has been one of the men, who, unable to serve or even help at home, has had to bear the burden of bereavement.

At the end of November news was received in England that the deceased's only son, Lieutenant H. B. L. Hinde, of the Somerset Light Infantry, who was attached to the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, and who had seen active and exciting service at Kut-el-Amara in the expedition from India to Baghdad, had fallen at Ctesiphon on or about the 22nd or 24th of November.

Mrs Edith Maud Hinde died on 7th of December, very shortly after the news of her only son's death had been received. The Captain's death, which has now occurred, has reduced the family to one, a daughter, with whom every sympathy will be felt in the succession of bereavements she has undergone within the three months.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, at the Borough Cemetery, the first portion of the service, which was fully choral, being held at St Barnabas' Church. It was conducted by Archdeacon Gillmore, Chaplain of the forces at Cooden camp, and the Rev E. Mortlock, Vicar.

Mr Alan Thorne, the organist, played as the opening voluntaries, "O, Rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn) and "Blessed are the Departed". The Psalms were chanted. The hymns sung were: "My God, my Father, while I stray", and "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide". As the body was borne from the church the Dead March in "Saul" was impressively rendered.

The mourners were: Miss Hinde (daughter), the Rev Arthur Whyte (half brother), Mrs Whyte (sister-in-law), Mr P. H. Wade (brother-in-law), Mrs Robert Harrison (sister-in-law), Major Douglas Stuart, Mr F. A. Denny, Mrs Smith Marriott, Miss Knight, and Mr Geoffrey Cobb, and Captain E. W. Jeffrey.

Floral tributes of great beauty and bearing loving inscriptions were received from the following: – Miss Hinde (daughter), Major and Mrs Hinde, Mr, Mrs and Miss Wade, Commander Beresford Whyte, Mr Geoffrey Cobb, Mr P. F. Zemarchand, Miss Carey, Mr and Mrs Willis and servants, Miss Knight, from a very old friend, Dr P. Savill, Mrs Harrison.

Mr Geo. T. Sabin, of 8-10 St Leonard's Road, was the funeral director.

[**Note:** The "Bexhill Observer" gives this man's surname as Le Marchand while in the Chronicle it becomes Zemarchand but the former is most probably correct.]