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MILITARY FUNERAL.

Pte R B Culpin

The funeral of the late Pte Richard Benjamin Culpin, of the 12th Royal Sussex Regt, took place at the Mill-Road Cemetery on Saturday last, the curate of St Phillip's officiating. The deceased was wounded at the battle of the Somme on November 14th, 1917, and had his leg amputated at the 53rd General Hospital, Wimeru. He was also wounded in the back and side by shrapnel. He was removed from France to St George's Hospital; from there to the Atkinson Morley Convalescent Hospital, Wimbledon, and then home to the residence of his father, Mr John Culpin, 7, Malta-road. Complications arising from the result of shrapnel wounds caused his removal to the 1st Eastern General Hospital for operation, under which he died. The principal mourners were the father, mother, and five sisters, Miss Priest, and Ptes Bendall, Newberry, Woollard, Thurman and Warner. The coffin was of elm, with brass furniture, the plate bearing the following inscription: "Richard Benjamin Culpin, died December 16th, 1918, aged, 20 years." The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, and covered with some beautiful floral tributes, was conveyed to the cemetery by the military wagon, escorted by a detachment of RAMC. "The Last Post" was sounded at the close of the commitment service.

Mr W G Mason carried out the funeral arrangements.
