



Naval Bombardment during the Baltic Expedition

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Another of the few Crimean veterans remaining in east Wilts was buried at Burbage near Marlborough, on Thursday, in the person of Colour Sergeant G. H. Noyes, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

The deceased, who was within a month of his 88th birthday, enlisted in 1844, and served for 21 years. He saw active service in the Crimea with the Naval Brigade, and was wounded. Before the close of that campaign he formed a member of the Baltic expedition, under Sir Charles Napier, and took part in the blockade of Kronstadt.

Retiring with the pension of his rank, this was augmented later by a pension from the hospital, and again at 65 years of age.

After leaving the service, deceased became watchman at Marlborough College, a position which he filled for 20 years, eventually retiring.

The body was conveyed to the grave on a gun carriage from Tidworth, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack.

The service, which was chorally rendered, was conducted by the Rev. R. de C. Thelwall (Vicar of Burbage) in the presence of a large gathering of people.

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