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Captain. R. M. Quinn died at the Victoria Hospital, Wellington, on Saturday from carcinoma caused through a kick from a horse. The late Captain Quinn attested for service with the Imperial Army in November, 1887, and was attached to the 2nd Battalion, Scottish Rifles. He saw active service in India, gained the Chitral medal and bar in 1895, and the Tirah medal for the part he took in the campaign in 1897-98. Captain Quinn also saw service in China (Boxer Rising) in 1900-01, for which he was awarded a medal and two bars. In January 1912, he retired from the Imperial Army with the rank of warrant officer, and was rewarded while attached to the Transport Department for an invention in connexion with a carriage for field hospital purposes. He also invented an improvement in a saddle for transport. His service with the Supply and Transport Department, to which he was transferred, extended over a period of eighteen years. The late Captain Quinn's first appointment in New Zealand was as sergeant instructor to the Army Service Corps. In June, 1915, he was appointed Assistant-Director of Supplies and Transport to the Canterbury district, with the temporary rank of lieutenant, and relinquished the appointment later on, being transferred to the Expeditionary Force. In October, 1915, he proceeded on active service with the A.S.C.. and on March 1st, 1916, while in France he was, for some time, employed as O.C., N.Z., Divisional Employment Company, and on May 15th, 1917, was invalided back to New Zealand. Deceased, who leaves a widow, was in his forty-ninth year.

## **FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN QUINN**

The funeral of Captain R. M. Quinn, who died at the Victoria Hospital on Saturday from carcinoma caused through a kick from a horse, took place yesterday afternoon. The cortege, which left Robert Wilson and Sons mortuary chapel, John street, was of considerable length. It was headed by the Trentham Camp Band, and the firing party, of one hundred men, was composed of members of B Company, 35th Reinforcements, under Captain R. J. Seddon. The gun-carriage and appointments were supplied by the R.N.Z.A and were in charge of Lieutenant Petersen.

The chief mourners were the deceased's widow and his brother-in-law, and among those present were: Major F. D. Ostler, Director of Supplies and Transports; Captain E. Vine, Lieutenants Crampton and Middleton, and men representing the Director of Recruiting Department, and a number of returned soldiers, the association being officially represented by Mr Bohlson. The pallbearers were Captains W. J. Hardham, V.C., J. W. Silcock, G. J. Rust, and C. L. Somerville. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Revs. Cullen and Quinane, Chaplains to the Forces.

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Captain Ronald M. Quinn, of the Army Service Corps, who died in Wellington Hospital on Saturday last, after an operation, was accorded a military funeral this afternoon. The cortege, which left the Mortuary Chapel of Robert Wilson and Sons at 2.30 o'clock for Karori Cemetery, was a lengthy one, and was headed by the thirty-fifth Reinforcement Band. The Defence Department was represented by Major F. E. Ostler, and many officers from the camps also attended. There was a large muster of returned soldiers, the society being officially represented by Mr. T. Bohlson. The firing party consisted of one hundred men from B Company, 35th Reinforcements, under Lieutenant R. J. Seddon, and the pall-bearers were Captains Hardham, V.C., Silcock, Ruft, and Sommerville. The gun carriage was provided by the Royal New Zealand Artillery, and was in charge of Lieutenant Petersen. The chief mourners were Mrs Quinn (the deceased's widow) and a brother-in-law. Chaplain-Captains Guinnine and Cullen officiated at the graveside.