

EX-SERVICE MAN'S DEATH –

The death occurred on Tuesday, at 22 Southfield-gardens, Swanmore, as an outcome of war service, of Mr. **Eric William STONE**, son-in-law of Mr. D.D.PALMER, the school attendance officer. The deceased came to reside at Ryde about 10 years ago for the benefit of his health, and was then suffering severely as a result of a shrapnel wound. For four years he was employed as a motor driver. He had been in and out of hospital on several occasions and was waiting to enter again when his death occurred. He leaves a widow and young son, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt. The funeral took place at the Cemetery yesterday (Friday), preceded by a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A.TOMSETT. The mourners were the widow, Mr. D.D.PALMER (father-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C.PALMER (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. H.JAMES (uncle), Miss GARRETT, Mr. N.ATTRILL, and Mr. J.GALLAWAY, Mr. W.RUSSELL, T.C., was also present. The coffin was wrapped in the Union Jack, on which lay a number of beautiful floral tokens.
