

MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK BEREAVED
Sons Killed In Action

On Tuesday the Mayor of Ryde (Councillor H.W.O. WEEKS) and the Town Clerk (Mr. T.J. FAWDRY) received the sad news that each had lost a son in the service of his country though in different spheres of action.

Both at a Council-in-Committee meeting and a public meeting on Russia held in Ryde on Tuesday evening those present stood in silent tribute to their memory.

Bereavement of the Mayor

At the last Council-in-Committee meeting Alderman, E.C. GOBLE, supported by all the other members present, expressed to the Mayor their heartfelt and deepest sympathy with him and Mrs. WEEKS in the great loss they had sustained in the death of their younger son Colin, who had died that day by enemy action whilst carrying out his duties as a member of the National Fire Service.

At the same meeting the Mayor informed the members that the Town Clerk had just received the sad news that his younger son, Lieut. R.A. FAWDRY, R.N., had been killed on active service. It was agreed that the profound regret of the Council be conveyed to the Town Clerk, together with their sincere sympathy with him and his family in their sad bereavement.

Town Clerk's Loss

Lieutenant **Richard Alexander (Dick) FAWDRY**, R.N., youngest son of Mr. T.J. FAWDRY, Town Clerk of the Borough of Ryde, of Westhill Road, is officially reported killed in action.

Lieutenant FAWDRY was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School, from where he passed out as a naval cadet for training in H.M.S. *Frobisher*. He served in the training cruisers *Royal Sovereign* and *Revenge* in various parts of the world, passing out as a midshipman. After completing over three years' service he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, receiving his commission in 1941. Since the outbreak of war he served in several destroyers engaged on Convoy duty. One of his ships was the corvette *Windflower*, an ex-American vessel of which he was for a time in command.

In 1940 he married Miss June TERRY WOOD, of Shanklin. A very popular young man locally, Lieutenant FAWDRY was only 23 years of age.

At the Council-in-Committee meeting on Tuesday tribute was paid to his memory, and sympathy expressed with the Town Clerk.