

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 11th July 1940

**LIEUT. BRIGSTOCKE KILLED
In Portland Raid**

The death of Lieutenant **William George Player BRIGSTOCKE** , R.N.V.R., from wounds sustained on active service has been reported this week. Lieut. BRIGSTOCKE, who was 30, was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. BRIGSTOCKE, of Ryde, and of Robert's Rest, Carmarthenshire. He was injured in the German raid on Portland when several auxiliary vessels were sunk, and died on Thursday.

Born at Robert's Rest on June 14th, 1910, Lieut. BRIGSTOCKE was educated at Sherborne School and Manchester University, where he became a member of R.N.V.R.

Mr. BRIGSTOCKE became associated with the Southern Vectis Omnibus Company in 1934 and later went to Ramsgate as Thanet Area Manager of the East Kent Road Car Company.

He was married in September 1938, to Miss Veronica WIGRAM, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. WIGRAM, of Goodnestone. A keen wireless enthusiast, he carried out many valuable experiments. He belonged to many societies connected with electrical and automobile engineering and was also a member of the Radio Society of Great Britain and American Radio Relay League. Lieut. BRIGSTOCKE was a member of the Army and Navy Club and the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

Since the outbreak of war he had served as a Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R.

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Death Notice:-

BRIGSTOCKE .. (William George PLAYER) , Lieut., R.N.V.R., on July 4th, at a Naval Hospital, of wounds aged 30.

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LIEUT. WILLIAM GEORGE PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE, R.N.V.R., aged 30, was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. BRIGSTOCKE, of 6 The Terrace, Ryde, and of Robert's Rest, Carmarthenshire, where he was born in 1910. He received a severe injury by enemy action while on the bridge of his ship off the West of England, and died on Thursday in a naval hospital. Lieut. BRIGSTOCKE was educated at Sherborne School and Manchester University where he became a member of the R.N.V.R. Prior to the war he was engaged in road transport, starting his career with the Southern Vectis Omnibus Company at Newport. Later he took up an appointment at Ramsgate as the Thanet area manager of the East Kent Car Company. He was a keen wireless enthusiast, and carried out numerous valuable experiments, and was a member of the Radio Society of Great Britain and of the American Radio Relay League. He was a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht and Army and Navy Clubs. In September, 1938, he married Miss Veronica WIGRAM, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. WIGRAM, of Goodnestone. The deceased officer was a man of fine bearing, much personal charm and of very lovable character and imbued with the highest ideals of British Citizenship. The deepest sympathy is felt with his widow and parents. At the meeting of the Ryde Town Council on Tuesday the members stood in silence as a token of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs BRIGSTOCKE. The remains were brought to Ryde and placed in St. Thomas's Church where they

remained until the funeral on Thursday. The interment was of a private nature in the family vault, the coffin, draped with the Union Jack, being taken to the chapel in the cemetery, where the first part of the service was held. The officiating clergy were Canon S. MOXON (Vicar of Ryde), the Rev. H.B. WORTHINGTON (in charge of St. Thomas's Church), and the Rev. H. WIGRAM, deceased's father-in-law, who read the committal sentences. The mourners were Mrs. W.G.P. BRIGSTOCKE (widow), Mr. and Mrs. G.R. BRIGSTOCKE (parents), Mr. R.B. BRIGSTOCKE (brother), the Rev. H. and Mrs. WIGRAM (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mr. H. WIGRAM (brother-in-law), Mr. F. BOGER (uncle, also representing Mrs. BOGER), and Mr. J.C. PETERS (cousin), Among others present were Mr. G.E. FARDELL, Lieut. Comdr. G.E. FARDELL, Mr., Mrs. and Miss DAVIES-EVANS, Mrs. HOWARTH, Lt.-Col. J.E. RHODES (Royal Victoria Yacht Club), Messrs. E. G .E. and A. H. L. PETERS, Mr. Robey ELDRIDGE (also representing Mr. J. ELDRIDGE), Mr. H. COLLYER, Mr. W. DEWDNEY (the Conservative Club), Mr. H.J. OSBORNE (Rowing Club), Mr. E.A. LANGDON (Court of Shepherds and Foresters), Mr. F.V. GREEN, Mr. W.T. RYALL, Mr. C. and Mr. P. LANGDON, Mrs. CARTER, and Mrs. RICHARDS.

Included among the beautiful floral tributes from the family and friends, were wreaths from the R.V.Y.C., Capt. WILSON (his commanding officer) and Mrs. WILSON, The East Kent Car Company and staff, and the Southern Vectis Omnibus Company management and staff. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. LANGDON.

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