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N.F.S. MEMORIAL SERVICE

A contingent of the National Fire Service attended a service at All Saints' Church, Ryde, on Sunday morning, in memory of Leading Fireman **H. J. DEWEY** and Despatch Rider **C. H. WEEKS**, two members of the Ryde Station who lost their lives by enemy action whilst fire-fighting two years ago. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. ROLPH who referred to those men, one of whom was but in his teens, as happy in that they had been ready to preserve life, but willing to lay down their own lives for others. At Cowes the test came; they were not found wanting, and today we could with all sincerity thing of them as happy in Paradise, waiting to meet us there. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." This love, Bert and Colin, as they were affectionately known to their comrades, had to a full measure.

The N.F.S parade was in charge of Column Officer G. ARMITAGE and also attending were Divisional Officer S. F. WILLEY, M.B.E., Column Officer W. J. MILLIS, and Company Officers M. HELLER and A. H. CROSS.

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