

Death Notice:-

**DEAN ..** On Sept. 13, in a motor accident in Gloucestershire, **Herbert Sydney DEAN** (Dixie), aged 28, dearly beloved husband of J. A. DEAN, and Jennifer's daddy.

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## YOUNG ISLAND POLICEMAN KILLED

### MAINLAND ROAD ACCIDENT.

P.C. **Herbert Sidney DEAN**, of 10a Union Street, Ryde, who was formerly manager of the Medina Cinema, Newport, received fatal injuries in a road accident on the mainland on Monday. He joined the Hampshire Constabulary six weeks ago and was returning from his first week-end leave by motor-cycle to Falfield, Gloucestershire, where he was studying at a police school. At Chipping Sodbury, on the Gloucestershire border, he was involved in a collision with a lorry and killed instantaneously. His pillion passenger, a fellow policeman of the Kent Constabulary, to whom he had offered a lift, was seriously injured and taken to hospital. An inquest was opened at Chipping Sodbury on Wednesday and adjourned.

Mr. DEAN was 28 and the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. DEAN, of 24 Hill Street, Ryde. He attended the Upper Grade School, where he showed promise of becoming a fine athlete, playing football and becoming a strong swimmer. At the age of 15 he enlisted in the Island Territorials and was at a summer training camp when war was declared. He went to France with the Royal Artillery in the Expeditionary Force and took part in the Dunkirk epic. After nearly three years in Iceland he spent the remainder of his service at home. A versatile instrumentalist, he ran a dance band before the war, and on returning to Ryde became drummer in the Commodore ballroom band. Two years ago he was appointed assistant manager at the Commodore, and eight months later became manager of the Medina Theatre at Newport. He was responsible for staging musical and comedy items for children on Saturday mornings, and took part himself. Since joining the constabulary he had been stationed at the police headquarters, Winchester.

He was a former popular member of Ryde St. John's F.C., for whom he played centre-forward, and Haylands F.C. The news of his death has come as a severe shock to many local friends, who deeply sympathise with his wife and parents. He leaves a baby daughter. The funeral took place at Ryde Parish Church yesterday (Friday).

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## POLICE TRIBUTE TO DEAD COMRADE

The funeral service of Mr. **Herbert Sidney DEAN**, of Union Street, Ryde, whose tragic death was recorded last week, took place at All Saint's Parish Church, the Vicar (Canon A. CORY) officiating.

Attending the service were members of the Ryde section of the Hampshire Constabulary, representatives of the Police Training Centre of which Mr. DEAN was a member, local football clubs, local cinemas and the Royal Artillery Association.

The family mourners were Mrs. H. F. DEAN (widow), Mr. and Mrs. H.A. DEAN (father

and mother), Mr. and Mrs. D. SLATER (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. D. LOFTS (also representing Mrs. LOFTS, sister), Mrs. D. SULLIVAN (sister), and Mr. LOFTS (friend).

Among others present were Mr. T. SLATER, Mr. A. JELLEY and Mr. H. MUGRIDGE (representing St. John's Football Club), Mr. J. PERKIS, Mrs. E. MORFITT (also representing Mr. MORFITT), Miss L. RICHARDS, Mrs. E. OAK, Mr. E. MORRIS (also representing his band), Mr. R. COOMBES (representing Haylands F.C.), Mr. E. PACKER (representing the Newport and Cowes branch of the Royal Artillery Association), Mrs. N. DIMANT and Miss J. COOKE (representing the staff of the Medina, Newport), Mr. G. PINK (assistant manager, Commodore Cinema, Ryde), Mr. F. WRIGHT (representing the Commodore staff), and Mrs. V. V. MACKENZIE (also representing Mr. MACKENZIE).

Representing the Police were Supt. V. E. STANLEY (representing the Chief Constable of Hampshire), Chief Supt. T. BEALE (Commandant No 7 District Police Training Centre), Sgt. N. A. GILES (class instructor), P.C. R. ELSTON, P.C. E. GODFREY, P.C. R. HAWARD and Student Constables R. MORTON, K.J. THOMPSON and G. WRIGHT.

Twelve policemen slow-marched in front of the cortege to Ryde Cemetery where the Rev. J. OUTRAM conducted the last rites. At the conclusion of the service the policemen \*\*\*\*at the graveside of their former comrade.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the Commandant and members of the Police Training Centre, Falfield; players and officers of Haylands F.C.; the staffs of the Commodore and medina cinemas; the Chief Constable and members of the Hampshire Constabulary; Ryde taxi men; the Directors of the Commodore; Smith's Taxi Service; friends and neighbours of Hill Street; Newport and Cowes branch of the R.A. Association; Ryde St. John's F.C.; members of the Ryde section of the Hampshire Constabulary; I.W. Amateur Cine Society; and Eddie and May MORRIS and the band.

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