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Hugh Ronald Valentine CLARKE

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Death Notice:-

CLARKE : Oct. 12, at 22 Union-street, Ryde, **Hugh R.V. CLARKE**, aged 20, Mr. and Mrs. CLARKE and daughter wish to return thanks to all for inquiries and sympathy, also for flowers sent.

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FUNERAL OF SCOUTMASTER

The funeral took place at the Cemetery on Thursday afternoon of Scoutmaster **Hugh Ronald Valentine CLARKE**, late of All Saints troop, who died at 22 Union-street, on Sunday, aged 20. the deceased was the son of Mr. CLARKE who is well-known as being in charge of the pilot boat, and was one of the oldest scouts in Ryde, joining in February 1910 when he was 11 years of age and becoming assistant scoutmaster in 1916. he joined the Army in 1917 and on Good Friday, 1918 went to France with a detachment of the R.G.A., being all through the great retreat and was gassed. Whilst at Plymouth he performed a very gallant act in rescuing a comrade from drowning, for which he received the certificate on vellum of the Royal Humane Society. He returned home in February last and was appointed scoutmaster of All Saints troop and was highly popular with the members. His heart was affected as a result of the gassing and he had been ill for the last eight weeks, his death being greatly deplored by his many friends and comrades who attended to pay the last tribute of respect. the coffin which was covered with the Union Jack was conveyed to the Parish Church in a Washington car, preceded by a firing party of the R.G.A. from Parkhurst, followed by the family mourners, scouts and cadets walking in the procession in charge of the Rev. Cyril BLAKE (St. John's) Assistant Scout Commissioner. The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh LE FLEMMING), assisted by the Rev. Cyril BLAKE. Two hymns being sung namely, "Let Saints on the earth in concert sing," and "I heard the voice of Jesus say."

Those present at the church and graveside were General FETHERSTONHAUGH, chairman of the I.W. Scouts' Council Scoutmaster HENNAH (Wootton), Ald. G.A. BLACKALL, J.P., and Assistant Scoutmaster J. TURNER, representing St John's Sea Scouts, and the deceased's former schoolmaster, Mr. H.D. WILLIAMS, of St. John's Road Boys. The remains were borne to the grave by six ex-scouts, namely Cadet MABEY, R.A.F., Sergt. Instructor WALLIS, R.A.F., Lce.-Corpl.

WHITTINGTON (North Staffs), 1st Air Mechanic TEAGUE, R.A.F., 2nd A.M. PURKIS, R.A.F., and Pte. E. CRABBE (Warwicks) who were in camp with the troop in Brussels when war broke out in 1914. The remaining part of the service at the graveside was impressingly carried out by the Vicar and at the conclusion three volleys were fired and the "Last Post" sounded by trumpeters. There were a number of beautiful floral tokens including wreaths from All Saint's Troop and girl guides, wolf cubs and brownies, also one from the staff and workmates of Ellis PALMER, Union-street.

Mr. TAYLOR was the undertaker.

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BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION

The association deeply regretted the loss, by death, of Scoutmaster CLARKE, of the All Saint's troop. He was one of the original members, having been enrolled in 1910. He was appointed assistant scoutmaster in 1916, and scoutmaster last spring upon his return from active service in France. He was a King's Scout, and by his loyalty and devotion to the movement won the affection and respect of all his fellow scouts.

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