

MR. A. AITKEN

The death occurred on Saturday of Mr. **Alexander AITKEN**, M.B.E., of "Driftwood", Buckingham-close. He was 75. Born in Edinburgh, Mr. AITKEN joined the R.N.R. in 1914, retiring in 1926 as a Commissioned Engineer Lieutenant. He was decorated when the armed liner on which he was serving was torpedoed in Middle East waters, and Mr. AITKEN was responsible for saving many lives. He was once Chief Engineer on the steam yacht "Sagitta", owned by the late Mr. E. D. MORTON. Mr. AITKEN was the brother of the late Mr. George Mark AITKEN, a former senator of Oregon, U.S.A. Mr. AITKEN came to Ryde in 1947 from Portsmouth. He leaves a widow and two daughters. A service at All Saints' Parish Church yesterday conducted by the Assistant Curate, the Rev. George RUMBLE, preceded interment at Ryde Cemetery. Family mourners were: Mrs. E. AITKEN, widow; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. PETERS and Miss M. AITKEN, son-in-law and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. GARGILL, brother-in-law and sister; and Mr. B. BEALE, former Assistant Engineer of the "Sagitta". Messrs. WHEELER Bros, made the arrangements.
