

**ISLAND ROLL OF HONOUR - Killed in action**

Acting Chief Motor Mechanic **Wilfred Howson HART**, R.M., only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. HART, of 42 High-street, Ryde. Aged 22, he was a typically strong-charactered young Englishman. He was apprenticed to Messrs. FOWLERS, Motor engineers of Newport, but in the early days of the war joined the staff of Messrs. SAUNDERS-ROE. His choice of a career, however, was the sea, and, despite having broken both arms and a leg in accidents and having applications for release from munition work refused several times, he at last succeeded in January. His body was brought home, and the funeral took place on Tuesday, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. W. PEARSON (chaplain H.M.S. Medina). Eight petty officers acted as bearers and the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. HART (parents, with whom deep sympathy is felt), Mrs. BLAKELY (sister), Lieut. B. BLAKELY, R.N.V.R. (brother-in-law), Mrs. and Miss HART (cousins), Mr. P. L. BLAKELY, and Mr. and Mrs. L. BRIGHT. Members of the Rover Sea Scouts, of which he was formerly a member, and representatives of Messrs. FOWLERS and Messrs. SAUNDERS-ROE attended. Deceased's former workmates were represented by Messrs. C. HOLLIS (works superintendent), W. REECE (for S. HUGHES, works manager), J. COLVILLE, H. STALL, C. REYNOLDS, J. MCQUIRE, H. STARR, E. CLEMENTS, B. WOODMANSEY, R. MILFORD, J. BARKHAM, and C. YOUNG. The interment was at the Cemetery, where the grave was covered with over 40 wreaths, including tributes from the Rover Sea Scouts, all hands at S.A.R.W., the Saro Aircraft Repair Works, and the directors of SAUNDERS-ROE. – Mr. and Mrs. HART wish to express their sincere thanks for the many kind letters of sympathy, which they will try and answer, and also for the beautiful flowers.

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