

AN AIRMAN'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Wireless-Operator **Barrie STONE**, of 9 Mount-street, took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday. He was the first Ryde man to be brought home for burial after being killed on active service. Six men of the Hants Regt. Acted as bearers, and the coffin was covered with the Union Jack. An escort was provided by men of the Fleet Air Arm and Royal Navy. The service was taken by the Rev. F. H. ROLPH, and the hymn "The King of Love" was sung. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. FRAMPTON (step-father and mother), Mrs. D. PALMER (grandmother), Mr. A. T. DOE (his pal), Mrs. PALMER (aunt), Mrs. HAWKINS and Mr. G. BEERE (cousins), Miss MUNRO and Mr. R. HARLEY. Among those present were Lieut.-Col. C. L. ELLERY, O.B.E., Ald. W. S. RUSSELL (chairman of the British Legion), Mr. F. W. LAWRENCE (hon. secretary, British Legion Club), Mrs. SHINER and Mrs. LAWRENCE (British Legion), Sergt. S. A. ORCHARD and L.A.C. H. ORCHARD, R.A.F., Mr. G. BIGGS (Cross-country Association), Messrs. E. REED, J. BIGGS, and R. I. CROSS (Ryde Harriers), Messrs. S. KENT and L. LAWRENCE, Miss E. BIGGS (St. John's Social Club), Mr. A. J. BALLARD (Oddfellows), Miss BIGGS (representing Mr. and Mrs. A. P. BIGGS, Commander and Mrs. P. C. MUNRO, Mesdames BRODIE-SMITH, COLLIS, REED, PEARSON, JACOBS, GUY, YEATS, STACEY, Alan ROGERS, SOUTER, WOODS, GOUGH, VARDY, WETHERALL, JAMES, BRADING, and LIFE, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. GRIFFEN, Mr. A. J. TURTLE, and the Misses R. STACEY, SWANN, and GRIFFEN. The valedictory calls were sounded at the graveside by a Hants Regt. Bugler. There were over 40 wreaths, including those from St. John's Social Club; the Ryde Harriers; Neighbours in Mount-street and Little Arthur-streets; and the staff of Messrs. COLLIS and Co.
