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LOCAL AIRMAN KILLED IN AIR RAID

Sincere sympathy is felt with Mrs. F. STICKLAND and family, of 13 Abingdonroad, in the death, during an air raid over a mainland town, of her son, Flight-Sergt. Richard Francis STICKLAND, R.A.F., aged 36, on Friday week. He was living with his wife and son in a house opposite which a bomb fell and was killed. His wife is suffering severely from shock, and their young son was seriously wounded in the leg. Deceased had served in the R.A.F. for 16 years, and was previously employed by Messrs. J. Samuel WHITE and Co., Ltd., at Cowes. He attended the Upper Grade School. His wife was formerly Miss Alice TURNER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. TURNER, of Arthur-street. The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, and the Rev. S. J. CORNISH officiated. The mourners were Miss I. STICKLAND (sister), Mrs. S. CHAPPELL (sister), Mrs. TURNER (mother-in-law), Mrs. CRABB (sister-in-law), Mr. L. TURNER (brother-in-law), Mrs. WAY (aunt), Mr. B. WAY (cousin), Miss STICKLAND(aunt), and two R.A.F. sergeants. The floral tributes included those from the commanding officer and airmen of engine repair section No 30 M.U.; the officers mess and sergeants mess; the officers and men, No 30 M.U.; and neighbours in Abingdon-road.