

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1941.

### ISLAND ROLL OF HONOUR

Pte. **George GRIFFIN**, R.A.O.C., of George-street, Ryde, is officially reported lost through enemy action. He was formerly employed by Messrs. BURTON and TIMM, West-street, and was associated with St. Michael's Church, Swanmore. He leaves a widow and young child.

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### THE FUNERAL

....of Pte. **George GRIFFIN**, R.A.O.C.. of 19 George-street, whose death occurred under tragic circumstances when on his way to the Island to spend his leave with his wife and young baby, took place on Saturday. The remains were brought to the Island on Friday and placed in St. Michael's Church, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack. During the evening the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he was a valued member, held a memorial service in the church conducted by Mr. T. SPATE (Governor). Among those present were Messrs. W. R. EASTWOOD (Past Governor), S. OXFORD (Vice-Governor), G. GILHAM (Prelate), A. J. BUTT (Deputy-secretary), G. BARTON, W. COOPER, R. COLEMAN, A. WARDER, and F. READ. The first part of the service on Saturday was conducted by the Rev. E. J. FORSE, C.F., and Mr. E. G. WELSH accompanied the hymns "Nearer, my God, to thee," and "Abide with me." The mourners were Mrs. G. GRIFFIN (widow), Mrs. GRIFFIN (mother), Mr. W. GRIFFIN (brother), Mr. and Mrs. W. YOUNG (parents-in-law). Others present were Messrs. G. H. BARTON and J. E. TIMS (former employers), Guardsman R. CROCKFORD (former workmate), Mrs. G. H., BARTON and Mrs. J. E. TIMS, and Messrs. A. BUSHELL and E. FLEMING. The Loyal Order of Moose was again well represented and after the last rites of the church at the graveside Mr. SPATE officiated at the last ceremonial of the order before the members dropped white daises into the open grave. A military firing party discharged three volleys over the grave and buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveillé. The large collection of flowers included tributes from the Loyal Order of Moose, the women's section of the Order, and officers and men of the R.A.O.C.

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NB: A discrepancy has been noted, between the newspaper reporting him as serving with the R.A.O.C. and the grave marker which refers to his service with the R.A.P.C.