

A NAVAL FUNERAL

The funeral of Chief Mechanician **Francis Alick HEAPEY**, of Homeglen, St. John's Wood-road, took place on Friday week, the Rev. E. T. H. ROYDS officiating. Naval ratings carried the coffin, which was covered by the Union Jack, and a Naval bugler sounded the Last Post. The mourners were Mrs. F. HEAPEY (widow), Mrs. R. ROLF and Mrs. T. STEVENS (daughters), Mr. R. ROLF and Sergt. T. STEVENS (sons-in-law), Mr. C. N. HAMILTON (father-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. CARELESS (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. F. N. HEAPEY (daughter-in-law), Lieut. CLARK (O.C.) and Lieut. HILTON (Gosport Ship Fire School), C.P.O. SMITH (H.M.S. COLLINGWOOD), Dr. L. FIRMIN-EDWARDS, J.P., Mrs. L. PARSONS (Gosport), Mr. A. SOTHCOTT, Miss B. SOTHCOTT, Miss C. MASON, Mr. and Mrs. E. JOHNSON, Mr. STEWARD, and Mrs HARRIS. There were over 30 floral tributes. Chief Mechanician HEAPEY was for nearly 30 years in the Royal Navy. During the last war he saw service in the Dover Patrol, the Straits of Gibraltar, and North Russia. He was at Scapa Flow when the German fleet surrendered. After 12 years in civilian life he joined the Navy Supplementary Party in April 1938, and took part in Norwegian convey work in H.M.S. Cairo, being at Narvik. He served in H.M.S. Royal Arthur at Skegness for three years and was then posted to Gosport Ship Fire School. His only son, Flying Officer HEAPEY, R.A.F., was killed in November, 1941. Messrs. C. LANGDON and Son were the undertakers.
