

MILITARY FUNERAL

Full military honours accompanied the funeral of 2nd-Lieut. **Gerald Huntly PHILIP**, Hampshire Regiment, who was buried in the Cemetery on Wednesday. Lieut. PHILIP, who was only 18 years of age, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold PHILIP, of St. Vincent's, Barfield. He was educated at Little Appley School and Clongowes Wood College (S.W.), County Kildare. Later he worked under well-known Army coaches at Southsea, but did not enter for the Army examination as he received a commission in the Special Reserve of Officers on August 4th, 1915. He went to the Front on September 22nd, 1916, and fell mortally wounded in a charge just over a fortnight later. Subsequently he was moved to the Empire Hospital, Westminster, where he died on Saturday. The body was first taken to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, where Requiem Mass was sung, the Rev. Canon Mongan officiating. There was a large congregation. A gun-carriage from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment took the coffin from the church to the grave. A Union Jack was wrapped round it, and the young officer's hat and sword were laid on the top, together with some flowers from his family. The inscription on the plate was "Gerald Huntly PHILIP, 2nd-Lieut. 3rd Hampshire Regiment, wounded in the battle of the Somme October 6th, 1916, died in London November 11th, 1916. R.I.P." Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold PHILIP (father and mother), his younger brother and three sisters, Mr. Elliott CUMBERLAND (Lancaster Gate), Mrs. Henry MORRIS (Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport), Mr. Louis J. STEELE (Portsmouth Dockyard), Major and Mrs. Brooke HECKSTALL SMITH (Carisbrooke), Major and Mrs. Dick HECKSTALL SMITH (Farnborough), Mr. PUGH (Little Appley), Mrs. PURCHAS, the Misses PURCHAS, the Misses GREGORY, Mrs. SWAINE, and the Misses STANFIELD. A firing party from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, in charge of Lieut. HARRISON, fired three volleys over the grave, and buglers sounded the "last post." The officers of deceased's battalion who attended as mourners were Capt. CHADWICK, Lieut. HOGG, Lieut. BEATTY, and 2nd-Lieuts. BALDWIN, ARMSTRONG, and Fairlie CUNINGHAME. There were also present Major HECKSTALL SMITH, Capt. SWAINE (Ryde Company, Cadets), and Messrs. G. H. STANFIELD, G. A. BLACKALL, J.P., and C. H. COLLIS. There were numerous floral tributes from the following: Mr. and Mrs. ACKWORTH and family, Admiralty Chemists' Department staff, Sir Reginald and Lady BRADE, Mr. and Mrs. BURLAY, Mrs. K. L. CARDEN and family, Mr. Louis E. R. CARROLL, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott CUMBERLAND, Mr. and Mrs. DAVIES, Miss E. FAIRALL, Mrs. FOULKER and Miss Maud FOULKER, the Misses GREGORY, Mrs. LACY and son, Mr. and Mrs. MEEHAN and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry MORRIS, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stanley PHILIP and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. PURCHAS and family, Mrs. W. A. REED, Nurse ROLF, "Old Nan," Capt. SHADWICK, the Misses SHAW YATES, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. SMITH and family, Mr. and Mrs. STANFIELD and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. STEELE, Mr. and Mrs. STENHOUSE, Capt. And Mrs. SWAINE and family,

Mr. Harold TODD, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo TODD, Mr. and Mrs. Jack TETHILL and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesser WADHAM, Mrs. WATSON, Miss Winsome WATSON and Teddy WATSON, and “Clifford” WILLIAMS. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL, High-street.

Researched by Ann and Les Barrett