

RYDE AIRMAN'S TRAGIC DEATH.

Particularly sad circumstances attended the death on Thursday week of Aircraftman **Jack FOOTER, R.A.F.**, third son of Mr. and Mrs. B.R. FOOTER, of 34 Argyll-street, Ryde, Deceased, who was stationed at Gloucester, left his camp to post a letter to his wife saying he was coming home on leave. Next morning his body was found in the road by a bus conductress. At the inquest on Saturday it was stated that death was probably instantaneous and was due to heart failure following internal complications, and a verdict was returned accordingly. Aircraftman FOOTER, who was 22, attended the Ryde Central School, and since he was 14 had been employed as a clerk and agent by the Royal London Mutual Assurance Society. He joined the R.A.F. in 1940. He was a sidesman at Holy Trinity Church and A.S.M of the Scout troop, and very popular. His wife whom he married in 1940, was Miss Betty SMITH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. SMITH, of Monkton-street. With her and his parents the greatest sympathy is felt. The Rev. L.N. St. ALPHONSE conducted a requiem Mass at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday and officiated the funeral, assisted by the Rev. S.J. CORNISH, Members of Holy Trinity Scouts acted as acolytes. The mourners were: Mrs. J. FOOTER (widow), Mr. and Mrs. B.R. FOOTER (parents), Mr. R. FOOTER (brother), Miss P. FOOTER (sister), Mrs. FOOTER (representing Flight-Seargt. P. FOOTER, (brother), Mrs. WILLIAMS (aunt), Mr. Ivor ROBERTS (representing Mrs. M. ROBERTS, cousin), Mr. and Mrs. SMITH (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Aircraftman R.SMITH (brother-in-law), and Mrs. SNOW (sister-in-law). Those present included the Rev. F.J. ROLPH, Capt. A.J. BILLUPS (district commissioner for scouts), Miss A. SWANN (district commissioner for cubs), Miss THIRKELL (Ryde district Guides), Miss HANSFORD (All Saints Rangers), Miss ORCHARD (Swanmore Rangers), Miss SELF (Holy Trinity Guides), Miss BRANTON (8th Ryde Guides), and members of their companies, Mr. R.E. BAKER (district superintendent), and Messrs. J.H. MATTHEWS, A. KEYNES, HAYES, H. VERNON, H. MOODY, C.S. POULTER, L. FERRAND-ROOK (Royal London Mutual Assurance Society), Mesdames BAKER, MATTHEWS, and FERRAND-ROOK, Pilot-Officer J.H. CORRY and Cpl.BLACK (representing the R.A.F.), Messrs. A. MARTIN and L. RIDER (Ryde First-aid Party), Mr. B.J. SNOW (representing Mr. G. SNOW), Mr. and Mrs. R.T. CURRIE, Mr. and Mrs. G. SAYER, the Misses BIGGS and WEBB, Messrs. C.H. WILLIAMS, A.J. BALLARD, E.S. SHEPPARD, R.E. WALLER, W.E. SELF, and F.A. SAUNDERS, Mesdames A. WHITE, P.J. MONK, L.N. St. ALPHONSE, MILLER, SQUIBB, BLOWERS, BLACK, REYNOLDS, FALMER, PARRINGTON, JAMES, GLOVER, PRITTY, and PHILIPS (Shanklin), Mrs. Miss, and Mr. VARDY, and the Misses WALLER, PERKIS, TEWKSBURY, FEBAN, and FOULKES, Mrs. N.A. DYER, and Mrs. G. ROGERS, Ex-Seargt.-Major W.T. GILLEY, and Able-seaman WHITTINGSTALL. Lovely flowers came from the R.A.F.; Boys Scouts' Association; and the staff of the Royal Mutual Assurance Society. Mr. H.V. TAYLOR was the undertaker.

Mrs. J. FOOTER and his parents wish to thank the numerous friends for their sympathy, offers of help, and beautiful flowers. Will they kindly accept this as the Acknowledgement.

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