

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 2nd November 1918

MILITARY FUNERAL

The funeral of Captain Goodwin Thomas Howard BARNES, of the Royal Air Force, who died on Tuesday at the Castle Hospital, Ryde, at the early age of twenty-one took place on Thursday afternoon. Headed by a firing party, composed of men of the R.G.A., from Parkhurst under the command of Captain Kenney the funeral procession started from the Castle about 2.30 p.m., the coffin, which was of unpolished oak with dark oak fittings, being covered with the Union Jack and mounted on a gun-carriage. Lieuts. POULTER BOWN, NICHOLSON, MOORHOUSE, LINDLEY, and TEMPLETON of the Royal Air Force, acted as bearers. Members of the deceased's family followed in carriages and a detachment of the Flying Corps under Lieut. A. COURTNAY-SNOW, a detachment of the Women's Royal Naval Air Service under Assistant Principal SMITH, a number of wounded men from the Castle Hospital, as well as Red Cross Nurses on the staff of that institution took part in the procession to All Saints' Church, by way of the Esplanade, Union Street, High Street and John Street. Flags were at half-mast on the Town Hall, The Conservative Club, High Street, the Pier Hotel and the Castle Hospital.

The funeral party was met at the Church by the Rev. R.T. JOURDAIN M.A., and the Psalm *Dixi Custodian* was chanted by the choir which was in attendance. At the conclusion of the Lesson the hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say" was sung. After the collects from the Burial office *Nunc Dimittis* was chanted as the procession left the church for the Cemetery where following the prayers of committal the usual three volleys were fired and the last post sounded.

There were many beautiful wreaths, crosses and other floral tributes among others being those from Phyllis; Mother and Kate; Margaret, Betty, and Dollie; Grannie; Nellie and Muriel "with aunt's dear proud love"; Rickie and Ivy, officers, N.C.O's and men R.A.F., Seaplane Station, Bembridge; officers of the Land Squadron, Bembridge; Chief Officers and crew of the Bembridge War Signal Station, and the staff of the Castle Hospital.

The funeral arrangements were under the personal superintendence of Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL.

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