

Young Scoutmaster's Death. - The death took place at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Saturday of Mr. **Raymond George Charles CARPENTER**, aged 23, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. CARPENTER, of 20 Argyll Street. He was born at East Cowes and was a member at one time of the 1st East Cowes Boy Scouts. Since 1942 he had lived here and until overcome by a grave illness was assistant scoutmaster of the 1st Ryde group. His father is Rover leader of the 1st Ryde group and his mother is cub-master of the 5th Ryde group. After completing his apprenticeship in the drawing office of Messrs. SAUNDEERS-ROE he left in October, 1950, to fulfil his National Service, but while home on leave was stricken by an incurable disease, necessitating multiple blood transfusions. He bore a long and painful illness with great courage, and on Boxing Day the Scouts' certificate for meritorious conduct was presented to him by Mr. J.C.M. ELDRIDGE (district commissioner) "In recognition of his courage, fortitude, and unfailing inspiration to others." He was a former choirboy of All Saints' Church and a member of the I.W. Model Engineering Society.

The R.A.F. funeral service on Wednesday at All Saints' Church was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. CORY), assisted by the Rev. P.L. VAUGHAN. The hymns were "The day Thou gavest" and "Blest are the pure in heart." The coffin was covered with the 1st Ryde Group flag and the R.A.F. flag, and the bearers, members of the 1st Ryde Rover Scouts, were J. and R. COLLIS, D. ROBERTS, L. TAYLOR, R. BRETT, and D. FEAVER. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. G.H. CARPENTER (parents), Mr. B. CARPENTER (brother), Misses J., B., and Z CARPENTER (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. R. J. SAUNDERS (also representing the Rev. and Mrs. H.W. SAUNDERS, brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. W. WILLIAMSON (aunt), Mr. B. WILLIAMSON (cousin), Mr. F. BARNETT (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. CARPENTER (cousins), and Mr. and Mrs. S. WRIGHT. Others present included Mr. J.C.M. ELDRIDGE (district commissioner, also representing the county commissioner, Major-Gen. Sir Horace ROOME, K.C.I.E., C.B., and Mr. J. FRY, 4th Ryde Scouts), Mr. C. WHEELER (A.D.C. for Rovers), Mr. A. LODER (hon. Secretary, N.E. Wight Scouts' Association), Mr. K. LIFE (assistant-leader 2nd Ryde Rover crew), Mrs. F. SMYTHERS (representing Mr. T. SMYTHERS, 2nd Ryde Rover crew), Mr. W. I. MANSBRIDGE (scoutmaster, 2nd Ryde Admiral CALTHORPE'S Own, Sea Scouts), Mr. F. WILCOX (scoutmaster, 34d Ryde School), the Rev. D. FORD (scoutmaster, 5th Ryde), Mr. L.J. FEAVER, Mrs. R. MARTIN, Mrs. V. COOK, and Mrs. I. GOSDEN (1st Ryde Parents' Committee), Mrs. K. ARNOLD (representing 2nd Ryde Parents' Association), Miss J. HENCHER (representing Miss BLOUNT, captain, 1st Ryde Sea Rangers), Mrs. C. WHEELER (captain, Binstead Sea Rangers), Miss D. MITCHELL (assistant county commissioner for Cubs), Miss M. ORCHARD (district cubmaster), Miss M. SWAN (former assistant district commissioner for Cubs), Miss P.K. TURNER (cubmaster, and 3rd Ryde), Miss M. HOLLAND (cubmaster, 2nd Ryde), Mrs. COLLIS (cubmaster, 2nd Ryde.), Mesdames H.V. TAYLOR, A. KERVILL, and H. HARRIS (Evening Townswomen's Guild), Miss I. THURSTON and Miss E. PARRY (Afternoon Townswomen's Guild), Mr. W. A. STEVENS (SAUNDERS-ROE Training School), Mr. W. ATTRILL (Regatta Committee), and Sqd-Ldr. I. RICHARDSON and Messrs. R.J. NICHOLAS, P.J. DUFF, CHICK, A. BRUMENT, and McCULLAGH, and Miss BOUND (Sandown branch of the R.A.F. Association). Members of the 2nd Ryde Sea Scouts and the 8th Ryde Air Scouts were also present.
