

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 2nd October 1920

POLICEMAN'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Police-Constable DENHAM (who for six months prior to joining the Irish force was in the I.W. County Constabulary at Cowes), took place on Saturday afternoon, and was marked with much impressiveness. The cortege left the house in Monkton Street headed by the Chief Constable (Mr. Chas. GREENSTREET) and Police-Sergt. PALMER and four members of the Borough Force, P.Cs. DEBENHAM, HODGES, PAUL and TARRANT, and P.C.s HARTNALL (Oakfield) and EAMES (Newport), of the County Constabulary who acted as bearers, proceeding to Holy Trinity Church where a choral service was held, the deceased having been a choir-boy there. The Vicar (the Rev. the Hon. Ivo FIENNES) officiated. Two hymns, "Jesus Lives" and "On the Resurrection Morning" were sung; the organist (Mr. A. Percy JAMES) PLAYING "o Rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn), at the conclusion. The procession then re-formed to the Cemetery, where the committal portion of the service was impressively carried out by the Rev. Ivo FIENNES, in the presence of a large number of sympathising friends.

The mourners were Mrs. DENHAM (mother), Mr. and Mr. G. DENHAM Mr. and Mrs. R. C. DENHAM (brothers and sisters-in-law), the Misses DENHAM (sisters), Mr. J. PERKIS, Mr. T. PERKIS, Mrs. TRUCKLES, and Miss PERKIS (cousins), Miss EBDEN (aunt), Mr. COLEMAN (cousin) and Mr. FALKNER.

Wreaths were sent by the following : Mother; George, Aggie and Georgie; Dick, Connie and Children; Eme, Gertie and Nell; May and Will; Aunt Mary; Rose, Bob and Reggie; Nellie, Jim and Jimmy; Frank and Bessie; Nellie and Marcus; Auntie and all at Ventnor; Mrs. TAYLOR and family; All at St. Urians, Sandown; Mrs. GILMORE, Sed, Marie, Nan and Lillie; Officers and Men R.I.C. Clonmel District Force (wreath and cross); Borough Police; Fannie; all at 24, Simeon Street; Aunt Eliza; Mrs. VESSEY; Mr. and Mrs. SMITH; Mr. and Mrs. GOULD (Cowes); The Neighbours.

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Death Notice :

DENHAM. - September 20th, accidentally killed at Glen Bower, co Tipperary, **John Allen DENHAM**, Royal Irish Constabulary, of Monkton Street, Ryde, aged 23.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 25th September 1920

RYDE MAN KILLED

Much sympathy has been expressed for Mr. and Mrs Geo. DENHAM, of the Dairy, Monkton Street who received a message from Ireland on Monday that their youngest son, **John Allen DENHAM**, had been killed whilst in the execution of his duty in the Royal Irish Constabulary. The deceased who was 23 years of age, had been in the Royal Marines since a lad and served all through the war, part of the time in France. In August he joined the Irish Constabulary and was stationed in Co. Tipperary at the time of his death. Needless to say the intimation received from the headquarters caused profound grief amongst the family and they are awaiting further particulars though it is believed he was shot in the course of one of the disturbances in that part of the country. The deceased was very popular and respected amongst a numerous circle of friends, and he has done splendid work for his country through-out his life.

It has transpired that Constable DENHAM's death was the result of a pure accident. He was in his barracks at Tipperary when a revolver which was thought to have been unloaded, was fired and killed him. A Court of Inquiry will be held.

The body was brought from Ireland in charge of a constable to Ryde on Thursday and the remains were conveyed in a hearse to his home in Monkton-street. The funeral takes place at the Cemetery to-day (Saturday) a service being held at Holy Trinity Church at 2.30 p.m.

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