

### SOUTH COAST AIR RAIDS

During the raid on Portsmouth on Sunday night a shell exploded at the entrance to a church in a seaside town and killed Mr. William KELLY, aged 42, who was standing on the opposite side of the road. He was waiting for his wife, who was working in another town and arrived by a bus a few minutes after the tragedy. Air-raid wardens and soldiers rendered assistance, and the man was attended by a doctor and removed to hospital, but he was dead before arrival, having received a fractured skull. The stone gate pillar and part of the church garden wall were demolished, but the church was not damaged. During the raid people watching had the satisfaction of seeing a German bomber shot down in flames into the sea by one of our fighters.

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### DEATH OF MR. W. W. F. KELLY AT RYDE

Sincere sympathy has been extended to Mrs. KELLY, of Rosecleer, Marlborough-road, Ryde, in the sudden death of her husband, Police War Reserve William Walter Frederick KELLY, on Sunday, at the age of 42. Mr. KELLY as a member of the constabulary carried out his duties in a conscientious and painstaking manner and was a much-esteemed officer. He was a native of Ryde and a son of the late Mr. Woodman KELLY, for many years gardener to Lord CALTHORPE at Woodlands Vale. His aged mother still lives at 5 Highlands-road, Ryde, and he had been visiting her shortly before he passed away.

As a lad he entered the service of Lord CALTHORPE as a footman and was subsequently employed by Viscount GORT in a similar capacity at his London residence. From there he entered the service of Sir Godfrey BARING at Nubia House, Cowes. During the last war he served with the Hampshire Regiment in France and was at Vimy Ridge and the Battle of the Somme. He was thrice wounded and a wound in the arm led to his being invalided from the service. After the war he married and, with his wife, occupied the positions of butler and housekeeper to Sir Godfrey COLLINS, M.P. for Greenock. Until a year ago they were employed at Rew Farm, Ventnor, by Mr. S. BALL and then came back to Ryde to live. For a short time Mr. KELLY was employed by the Prudential Assurance Company. He was a man of retiring tastes, devoted to his home and garden. He leaves a 19-year-old son, Aircraftsman W. B. C. KELLY.

On Thursday the first part of the funeral service was held at St. John's Church, where police colleagues formed a guard of honour through which police bearers carried the coffin draped with the Union Jack. The Rev. E. T. H. ROYDS officiated and the mourners were Mrs. KELLY (widow), Mr. D. KELLY (son), Mrs. D. KELLY (sister-in-law), Mrs. A. KELLY (mother), Mr. C. KELLY (brother), Messrs. C. and F. MAKER (cousins), Mr. C. QUELCH, Mr. W. HUSK, Mr. A. HERBERT, (brother-in-law on active service), and Mrs. HERBERT.

Inspector ROGERS represented the Chief Constable (Mr. R. G. B. SPICER), who had a mainland engagement. Also present were Inspector BUTCHER (Sandown), P.S. WINNARD, Acting-P.S. MCVICAR, P.C.'s GRANT and BAKER, P.W.R.'s TARRANT, COFFEN, HODGES, EAMES, BOTTOM, BARDEN, RUSSELL (Ryde), ALLEN (St. Helens), Special Sergt. HILL and Special Constable W. RUSSELL, W.A.P.C. Mrs. WALKER, and ex-P.C. C. WARNE. The bearers were P.S. TURNBULL, P.C.'s BAKER, MARINER, and FLOYD, and P.W.R.'s FAIRALL and TOWNSON.

Others present were Miss MEARES (W.V.S.), Mr. and Mrs. E. DEATH, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. BEAUMONT, Miss EWBANK, Miss ROWE, Mrs. BLENCHARD, Mrs. SHEPHERD, Mrs. And Miss BARKER, Mrs. POCOCK, Mrs. AVARD, Mrs. G. E. RODWELL, Miss BUCKETT, Mrs. W. SMITH, Mrs. DUNNING, Mrs. S. E. RODWELL, Mrs. RICHARDS, Mrs. COOMBES, Mrs. B. WILLIAMS, Mrs. C. HILL, Mrs. OSBORNE, Mrs. H. BARTON, and Messrs. R. DALLIMORE, W. RAYNER, and C. BRADING.

The interment was at St. John's Cemetery and the choice flowers included tributes from the police of Ryde and Sandown and the staff of the Cafe Royal.

----Mrs. KELLY and son express their sincere thanks to those who rendered assistance on Sunday, the Ryde and Sandown Police for their kindness, and friends for messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes. Will they please accept this as the only intimation.

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Researched by  
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