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The Late Mrs. B.I. LAVERS. - The funeral took place at the cemetery on Tuesday of Mrs. B.I. LAVERS, who died at her home, Holmbury, Sheerwater-avenue, West Byfleet, Surrey, on the previous Thursday. The wife of Mr. F.G. LAVERS, a London editor and publisher, who received his journalistic training locally, Mrs. LAVERS was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. CHANDLER, of Rvde. She had lived for 35 years of her married life at Winchmore Hill, North London, and Addlestone and West Byfleet, Surrey. War conditions robbed her, in a peculiar manner, of the chances of recovery from a succession of illnesses, and the death in action in 1944 of her only son, Capt. Derek LAVERS, Queen's Royal Regiment, and 7th Armoured Division, reacted severely upon her state of health, in spite of the quiet fortitude with which she met her loss. Capt. LAVERS, who fought throughout the 8th Army triumphs in Africa and Italy and was killed in action south of Caen, when the invasion of Europe had reached its most critical stages, was recently described by an H.O. senior officer as "the most capable, devoted, and lion-hearted officer" the battalion ever possessed. Her daughter, Mrs. Gerald ACTON late of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., and wife of Major Gerald ACTON, Punjabi Regiment, was formerly assistant matron at Karachi General Hospital. Owing to ill-health she was unable to attend the funeral. The mourners included Mr. F.G. LAVERS (husband), Mrs. Walter DOUCH and Mrs. F. MILNER (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. F. HALSTEAD (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. HURLEY (niece), and Mr. W.F. GOOLD, of Addlestone. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

The service at St. James's Church and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. E.E.M. GREEN (incumbent of St. James's).

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