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SUDDEN DEATH OF LIEUT.-COMMANDER E.G.H. MASON

The death occurred with painful suddenness on Sunday evening of **Lieut.-Commander Emlyn Hu Gadarn MASON, R.N.** (retired), of Oakleigh, St. John's-park. Commander MASON succumbed to a heart attack shortly after entering a hotel in Union-street. He had recently been medically attended and the circumstances are all the more poignant because he was only waiting until the end of the week to bid farewell to his son who is leaving for India, and was then entering Haslar Hospital for treatment. He was born at Ebbw Vale, Wales, in 1874, and entered the Royal Navy at the age of 20. He retired in February, 1924, having served on no fewer than 15 ships. During his retirement he had taken a lively interest in local affairs and was returned unopposed in 1927 as a member of the St. Helens Council. He lost his seat last year. He was particularly interested in electricity and the Solent tunnel proposal. He keenly supported the ex-Service man's cause, and last year was secretary of the Legion Club. His genial personality will be missed by a wide circle of friends.

The Revs. Samuel STREET and A. WARDROPER conducted the funeral service at St. John's Church on Wednesday. The mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. J.E.V. MASON (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. T. O. MASON (son), Mr. and Mrs. J.M. MASON (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. J.T. MUSSELL, and Mr. JARVIS (family solicitor). The British Legion, the Legion Club, St. John's Park Committee, and the Ryde Grammar School Parents' Committee sent wreaths. Among those present were the Chairman of the St. Helens Council and Mrs. PLATER, Major A. DENNIS, C.C., Mr. W.H. DALLIMORE, and Lieut. H.A. WOODS (members of the Council), Mr. J. AITCHISON (clerk), Messrs. W.J. CALLAWAY, G.W. MORRIS (rate collector), and A.J. READ (council staff), Mr. and Mrs. E.O. and Miss KIRK, Miss STAYNER, Miss D. GOULD, Miss Marcelle WILLSSLER, Miss P. STRANACK, Mr. A.E. BARTON, C.C., Mrs. TURNER, Mr. H.F. WADE, Mr. G. MOREY, Commander P.C. MUNRO, Lieut.-Commander G.H. WOODNUTT, R.N., Mr. C. RAYMOND, Capt. H.J. EVANS (chairman) and Mr. Gordon EVANS (secretary) of the Ryde British Legion, Capt. L.P. ELWES (chairman of the British Legion Club), Mr. RICHARDS (treasurer), and Messrs. J. ROWE, E.H. GURD, C. SHAW, A.J. BARTLETT, R.F. ENDERBY, P. PEARSON, W.S. RUSSELL, C.W.H. SPRINGER, A. BENNETT, W. DAVIE, G.L. BRAITHWAITE, and R.A. HUGHES, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. McISAAC, and Commander A. MacDERMOTT, R.N.

Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL were the undertakers.

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