

INQUEST ON POLICEMEN ADJOURNED

An inquest was opened and adjourned until May 1st at Luton on Wednesday on two policemen who were killed on the M1 at Aspley Guise, Beds, early on Sunday morning.

The dead men were **P.C. Roger MATTOCKS**, 21, of Great Preston Road, Ryde, and P.C. George Leslie **HICKS**, 20, of 162 Goldsworth Road, Walton-on-Thames.

P.C. Peter **DURSTON**, of 264 Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey, said that both men were members of the Surrey force. He said that he was driving a car south on the M1 from the Newport Pagnell service area and towing another car in which **HICKS** and **MATTOCKS** were travelling. He felt a flow which caused his car to go into the ditch. "When I got out of the car I saw the other car lying on its roof on the south-bound carriageway in flames. I tried unsuccessfully to get them out," he said.

P.C. James **CAMPBELL** of Little Garth, Baker Street, Weybridge, Surrey, who is also a member of the Surrey Constabulary, said that he was travelling in the back seat of the car driven by **DURSTON** and after the accident he and **DURSTON** tried unsuccessfully to get the men out of the other car.

P.C. Brian **WALLIS**, of the Bedfordshire and Luton Police, said that the fire brigade were called, put the fire out and turned the car over.

P.C. **MATTOCKS** was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. **MATTOCKS**, of 87 Great Preston Road, Ryde, and a former head boy of Bishop Lovett School.

After attending Bishop Lovett School, Mr. **MATTOCKS** worked for over three years as a clerk at Messrs. **FARDELL**, of Ryde, and then joined the police force in Surrey as a cadet. He had almost completed his two-year probationary period and was stationed at the Weybridge and Walton-on-Thames area.

He was well-known in Ryde, and had been a member of the 2nd Ryde Sea Scout Group, the Young Vectis Players, and Ryde Carnival Association, of which he was a former secretary. He was an active member of St. John's Church, Ryde, where he was formerly in the choir. He attended the church on Sunday week when he visited his home on leave.

A service will be held at St. John's Church on Monday at 2.30 p.m., and cremation will follow at Whippingham.

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The Late P.C. R. MATTOCKS. - A service for P.C. Roger **MATTOCKS**, of 87 Great Preston Road, a member of the Surrey Constabulary whose death at the age of 21 in an accident on the M1 motorway was reported last week, took place at St. John's Church on Monday. The Rev. R.M. **WHITEHEAD** (vicar) officiated and members of the Surrey Constabulary formed a guard of honour, Mr. F.D. **TEAGUE** was organist and the choir led the hymns "Abide with me," and "The strife is o'er" and the 23rd Psalm. Cremation followed.

The mourners included Mr and Mrs. R. **MATTOCKS** (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. E. **DRIVER**, Mr. and Mrs. K. **MATTOCKS**, Mr. and Mrs. Ray **MATTOCKS**, Mr. and Mrs. B. **MATTOCKS**, Mr. and Mrs. G. **HANNAM**, Mr. and Mrs. L. **ANDERSON**, Mr. and Mrs. M. **NASH** and Mr. and Mrs. D. **MOORMAN** (uncles and aunts), Mr. R. **ANDERSON** (uncle, representing Mr. A. **ANDERSON**, grandfather), Mrs. P. **HENDY** (aunt, representing Mr. P. **HENDY**). Representatives were present from the Young Vectis Players and Bishop Lovett School. Floral tributes included those from his police colleagues in training, friends and colleagues at Walton and Weybridge Police stations, the Chief Constable and members of the Surrey Constabulary, the Chief Constable and members of the Bedfordshire and Luton Constabulary, the Surrey Special Constabulary, the staff and pupils of Bishop Lovett School, the Young Vectis Players, Ryde Carnival Committee, the 2nd Ryde Scouts, Messrs. W. B. **NASH** and Son, Ltd., the partners and staff of **FARDELLS**, and friends and neighbours.

Messrs. H.V. **TAYLOR** and Son made the arrangements.