

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 3rd May 1917

FUNERAL

The funeral of Stoker Petty Officer **Henry George ORCHARD**, of Cuba Cottage, Hope-road, Elmfield, Ryde who was killed in action on H.M.S. "Broke," on April 21, in the five minutes battle off Dover, and whose body was brought home for burial.

The deceased, who was 33 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children, was buried at St. John's burying ground, with full military honours (sailors not being available), a band, escort and firing party being provided by the Worcester Regiment. The first part of the service was held at St. John's Church, the Rev. Wilson PEARCE officiating.

The mourners were Mrs. ORCHARD (widow), son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. ORCHARD (father and mother), Mr. G. SHEATH (father-in-law), C.P.O Percy ORCHARD (brother), Mrs. BUTCHER and Miss ORCHARD (sisters), Mrs. P. ORCHARD (sister-in-law), Mrs. REEVES (sister-in-law), Miss SHEATH (sister-in-law), Mr. JEFFREY (uncle), Mr. BUSHELL, Mr. SAUNDERS, and Mr. DIBBENS (old shipmates).

There was a number of beautiful floral tributes, amongst them being from the widow, from his two children, father, mother, sister and brother, Flo and Vie, Percy and Alice, Elsie, Will and Baby, Dad and Annie, Mr. and Mrs. H. MOORMAN, Mr. and Mrs. GALE and family, and others.

There was also a wreath from the ships company of H.M.S. Broke. The usual three volleys were fired over the grave, and the buglers sounded the last post.
