

BINSTEAD AIRMAN'S DEATH
Cousin of Former Casualty

Sergeant Observer **Denis D. PALMER**, R.A.F., the son of the late Mr. Charles PALMER and of Mrs. PALMER of 2 Milford Cottages, Newnham-Road, Binstead, has been killed in a flying accident last week. He was a cousin of the late Aircraftsman Barrie STONE who was killed on service two months ago. He joined the R.A.F. two months after his cousin and had made many successful flights, his death occurred only five days after joining a new squadron, when his plane crashed into the sea off the N.E. coast on October 29.

Aged 19 he was a popular young man in Ryde and Binstead having played football for Binstead and Ryde Rovers Football Clubs before the war. He was a pupil at Ryde Central School until the age of 12 when he went to Lord WANSWORTH'S Agricultural College at Long Sutton. At the age of 17 ½ he was for a short time employed at Messrs. SAUNDERS-Row leaving them to join up.

He was with Aircraftsman Barrie STONE, a grandson of the late Mr. D.D. PALMER, the former school attendance officer, and of Mrs. PALMER of 10 Argyll Place, Ryde. A young man of great promise his death so soon after that of his cousin came as a great shock to his family and many friends.

The funeral was at the Parish Church, Ryde, on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. F.H. ROLPH conducted the service. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was carried by soldiers from the regiment stationed locally and an army bugler sounding the "Last Post" over the grave. Interment was in the family grave at Ryde Cemetery.

The family mourners were Mrs. C. PALMER (Mother), Mrs. HAWKINS (sister), Mrs. D.D. PALMER (grandmother), Mr. and Mrs. F. FRAMPTON (uncle and aunt), Mrs. RANDS and Miss P. MITCHELL (aunts), Mr. G. BEERE (cousin), and Mr. A. DOE (friend).

The others present at the church were Alderman R.W.G. RUSSELL and Mr. A.F. WILLIAMS (representing the British Legion) Lt. Col. C.L. ELLERY, Mrs. T. CLEAVER, Mrs. F.H. ROLPH, Miss TEWKSBURY, Mrs. STACEY, Mrs. R. BALLARD, Mr. B. BEVIS, (representing Ryde Rovers F.C.), Miss SWANN, Mr. A.J. BROWN, Mrs. MACKETT, Mrs. RUSSELL, and Mrs. JENKINSON.

The full list of wreaths is as follows: Mother and sister; Grandmother; Uncle Frank and Auntie Vie; Uncle Sid, Aunt Nellie and cousins Don and Joan; Uncle John; Uncle Bill and Aunt Emmie (Exeter); Aunt Alice; Aunt Bessie and Aunt Phoebe, Uncle George; Aunt Ethel; Cousins Billy, Blanche, David, and Jean; Commanding Officers, Officers and men of his squadron; Alec; Ryde Rovers; Friends and neighbours at Binstead; Mrs. ROEBUSH; Mr. and Mrs. CLEAVER; Mesdames JAMES, GRAY, WOOD and Miss TEWKSBURY..
