

Death of Mr. B. RANN – Cremation took place on Monday of Mr. Benjamin RANN, aged 48, who died at his home, Bullen House, Bullen Road on Wednesday week. Born at Chillerton, Mr. RANN moved to Whippingham at an early age, and while resident there was a member of the Sea Cadet Corps at Osborne, holding the rank of cadet chief petty officer. He joined the Royal Navy in 1928 and saw 25 years' service during which he served on H.M.S. Shropshire. He took part in refugee evacuations during the Spanish Civil War. His ship was torpedoed off the Scandinavian coast during the last war while taking off troops from Norway. After leaving the Navy in 1953, with the rank of senior chief petty officer, he was employed until the time of his death by British Road Services as a rigger at Newport Quay. In 1950 Mr. RANN became a founder member of the I.W. branch of the Royal Naval Association, and was immediately elected chairman, holding this position until his death. In 1960 he was awarded life membership.

Members of the association formed a guard of honour at All Saints' Church, where the funeral service was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. R.H. BASSETT, R.D.). The Royal Naval Association and ladies' sections, British Road Services, Messrs. BRICKWOODS Ltd., Messrs. W.B. MEW, LANGTON and Co., Ltd., and the Amalgamated Engineering Union were represented, and sent floral tributes. The mourners were Mrs. M.E. RANN (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Reginald RANN, Mr. and Mrs. L. RANN, Mr. and Mrs. Robert RANN, Mr. and Mrs. G. RANN, and Mr. and Mrs. J. RANN (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. HEENAN (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. Phil MOORMAN, Mr. S. MOORMAN, Mr. Pat MOORMAN, Mr. A. BROWN and Miss J. MOORMAN (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Messrs. T. and I. RANN (nephews), and Mr. C. MOORMAN (father-in-law).

On Wednesday Mr. RANN's ashes were interred in the grave of his daughter at the Cemetery.

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