

The Ryde Ambulance Accident.

The condition of Mr. **Charles GLASGOW**, of St.Clair, The Strand, and Mrs. Vera May MEW, of Alfred -street, two of the most seriously injured when an A.R.P. ambulance crashed into three shop fronts in the High-street, Ryde, on Friday week, shows some slight improvement. Both however remain in a serious state. Among those who rendered much useful help at the time was Mr. SPATE, T.C.

The accident resulted in a practical example of the value of the blood transfusion service organised by the Island branch of the British Red Cross Society. A few days before the accident blood from three emergency donors was stored at the pathological department of the County Hospital, and Mr. GLASGOW was given a transfusion from blood which had been given by a lady V.A.D worker. In the opinion of the surgeon in charge at the hospital the transfusion saved Mr. GLASGOW's life. More donors are required for this admirable service from Cowes and Newport.

We are informed that valuable first aid work was done at the time of the accident by the two first-aid ambulance attendants, who were passengers in the ambulance, Messrs. Herbert COOPER and William ANGROVE, of the Newport A.R.P. staff. Both took proper and immediate steps to check loss of blood by the two most seriously injured persons and Mr. COOPER accompanied Mrs. MEW to the hospital in the ambulance.

Mrs. BRADING, of Newport, the driver of the ambulance, who is still suffering from bruising and the shock of the unfortunate accident, is grateful to all who so promptly came to her assistance. She states that although she applied both foot and hand brakes to their full capacity they failed to hold the ambulance on the hill.
