

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1940

**Young Sailor's Death.**---The death occurred at 26 Cross-street, Oakfield, of Able Seaman Gordon Ralph BRIDLE, son of Mr. and Mrs, E. BRIDLE. He was only 20, and was invalided from the senior service four months ago. He joined the Navy at 16, and served on H.M.S, Manchester, and during the early part of the war was stationed at Scapa Flow.

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**A Sailor's Funeral.**---The funeral of A.B. G. R. BRIDLE, of 26 Cross-street, took place with naval honours at St. John's, Oakfield, on Thursday, the Rev. E. T. H. ROYDS officiating. The bearers were men from H.M.S. Medina and an escort and bugler came from the same ship. The coffin was covered with the white ensign and the interment was at Westridge.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. E. BRIDLE (parents), Messrs. N. and T. BRIDLE (brothers), Mrs. E. BRIDLE, junior (sister-in-law), Mrs. ALLNUTT, Mrs. KNAPP, and Mrs. F. SMITH (aunts), and Mr. F. POCOCK. There were 15 floral tributes.

Mr. and Mrs. BRIDLE wish to thank Dr. SHANKS and Nurse GREGORY for their attention and friends for sympathetic messages, and choice flowers. Will they please accept this as the only intimation.

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