

CAPT. D.A.V. LAVERS KILLED IN NORMANDY

Captain Derek Anthony Victor LAVERS, the Queen's Royal Regiment, has been killed in Normandy. He was the only son of Mr. F. G. LAVERS, of West Byfleet and Ryde, formerly news editor of "The Daily Telegraph" and of the European service of the B.B.C., a grandson of the late Mrs H.F. LAVERS, of Pelham House, The Strand, Ryde, and nephew of 2nd Lieut. Victor Alfred LAVERS, M.C., who gave his life in the last war at the age of 19 years.

Though only 23 years of age, Capt. Derek LAVERS had seen service on three major fronts. With a famous armoured division he participated in the great march of the Eighth Army across North Africa from Egypt to Tunis and saw further fighting at Selerno, the Volturno, and Monte Massico. He was mentioned in despatches for distinguished services in Italy. Throughout boyhood and early manhood he had spent much time with his family in the Isle of Wight and had travelled on foot over every portion of it. His sister Betty, known to many Ryde friends, is now wife of Major Gerald ACTON, 6th Punjab Regiment, and is serving in India as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.

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