

**DEATH OF MR. H. W. BLOOD RYAN AT RYDE
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We announce with regret the death of **Mr. H. W. BLOOD RYAN, M.A., D.Lit., D.Sc.**, which occurred at his home, Hucklebank, Upton Road, Ryde, on Saturday, after an illness lasting several months. Locally he will be remembered for the prominent part he took in the work of many associations during his 10 years' residence, but he was first and foremost a journalist, with a varied experience and an intimate knowledge of European affairs, having travelled much on the Continent in the years between the two world wars, when he represented two of the leading London newspapers. He had published several books of political importance. He was a man of much charm and deep human understanding, and his death, at the early age of 52, is deeply regretted by numerous friends. Sincere sympathy is felt with his wife in her irreparable loss.

Hugh William BLOOD RYAN was the elder son of Mr. Wilfrid BLOOD RYAN, of Weymouth. From Blundells he went to Trinity College, Dublin, where, after his studies had been interrupted by war service, he took his M.A., D.Lit., D.Sc. and law degrees. During the 1914-18 war he was commissioned in the Enniskillen Dragoons, later being attached to the R.F.O., and saw service in France throughout the hostilities, and was wounded. Although he had studied for law journalism proved a greater attraction and, after early days in Fleet Street, he was appointed the special correspondent in Germany and Eastern Europe of "The Daily Telegraph" and "The Observer," making his headquarters in Berlin. Here he made a careful study of the rise of Nazism, which later found expression in his most important books. He met HITLER on two occasions and he had frequent conversations with GOERING and VON PAPEN. He was in Austria before the Germans marched in and had interviewed the ill-fated chancellor, Dr. DOLFUSS. While in Czechoslovakia he interviewed President BENES and M. JAN MAZARYK. He had a first hand knowledge of Poland, where he was in 1934 and again in 1938, when he gave up his appointments with the idea of settling in this country to write books. That year he came to Ryde, where he had since made his home. With the advent of the second world war and the direction of labour he became manager of Messrs. CURTISS and Sons' Ryde office, and although it was new work to him he found it congenial and became a popular figure in the business life of the town. Since the war he had been engaged by Messrs. E. DIBBENS, carriers, of Ryde. He was one of the prime movers in the formation of the East Wight Squadron of the A.T.C. and had been secretary of the committee since its inception. Another appointment in which he took great pride was his chairmanship of the Ryde branch of the British Legion. He had also served as a member of the Ryde Food Control Committee and the War Memorial Committee. During the war he was a night operator at Ryde telephone exchange and was in the P.O. Home Guard. His hobbies were gardening, riding, and an intense interest in politics. He married, in 1934, Fraulein Elli Margarete WAGNER, of Berlin, who had been a university student there.

The funeral took place at Ashley Cemetery on Tuesday with British Legion honours. Canon A. CORY officiated. The mourners were Mrs. H. W. BLOOD RYAN (widow), Miss FIELD (also represented by Frau M. WAGNER, mother-in-law) Mr. J. L. PALMER (representing Mr. BLOOD RYAN, brother), and Mrs. PALMER. The Legion standards, draped in crepe, were carried by Mr. E.J. GATRALL and Mrs. N. WHITE, and dipped at the graveside. Mr. G. J. EVANS, T.C., represented Mr. S. F. BURCHELL, county chairman, and the members of Ryde branch present were Major. J. G. FARDELL (president), Capt. W. S. RUSSELL, Comdr. W. O. REES-MILLINGTON, C.C., Capt. R. NM. GALLAWAY, Messrs. G. W. WHITE, C. STEARS, W. STONE, A. WHITE, W. R. GRANT, G. H. SAVILE, and H. E. MOREY, Mr. E. FRY, M.B.E., represented the Shanklin branch. The women's section was represented by Mrs. W. O. REES-MILLINGTON (chairman), Mrs. W. JACKSON (hon. secretary), Mrs. BROOMFIELD (hon. treasurer, also representing Mr. A. H. BROOMFIELD), and Mrs. L. E. WEEKS. Others present ere Ald. H. P. CHIVERTON (representing Ryde Food Control Committee), Flight-Lieut. A. R. MELLOR (O.C., 1024 East Wight Squadron, A.T.C.), Mr. A. J. READ (Borough War Memorial Committee), Mr. S. M. R. TOZER (P.O. telephones department), Mr. H. DIBBENS (Messrs. E. DIBBENS and Sons), Mr. B. J. SNOW (staff of Messrs. E. DIBBENS and Sons), Mr. J. E. MITCHELL and Mr. G. H. COOK (Messrs.

CURTISS and Sons, Ltd.), Mrs. MITCHELL, Nurse SYMTHERS, and Messrs. W. F. and P. R. GAWN and E. J. BENNET. The floral tributes included a posy of wallflowers tied to his fountain pen, which were buried with him, and wreaths from the Legion branch and women's section; Messrs. E. DIBBENS and Sons; the staff of Messrs. E. DIBBENS and Sons; and Messrs. CURTISS and Sons.

Messrs. C. LANGDON made the arrangements.

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