

Leslie Roy Cox

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Deaths in Service.

Sergt. Leslie Roy Cox, aged 20, younger son of Mrs. Cox, of Clive-cottages, Clatterford-road, Carisbrooke, and the late Mr. E. Cox. Sergt. Cox was a wireless operator and air gunner, who had made many flights over Germany, and he lost his life during an operational flight early this week. He was an old Secondary School pupil, and before volunteering for service with the R.A.F. 15 months ago was employed as a maintenance fitter by the Newport Gas Co. He is the third gallant member of the Newport Castlehold Baptist Church Young Men's Bible-class to give his life on service with the R.A.F. The others were Sergt. John Wadham and Sergt. William Elliott. His body is being brought home and the funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon; service at the Castlehold Baptist Church at 2.30, and the interment at Carisbrooke.

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Carisbrooke

Young Airman's Funeral. – The funeral of Sergt. (Wireless Operator-Air Gunner) Leslie Roy Cox, R.A.F., aged 20, younger son of Mrs. E. Cox, of Clive Cottages, Clatterford-road, Carisbrooke, whose death during an operational flight over Germany we recorded last week, took place on Saturday amid many evidences of sympathy with his mother and other relatives. A service was held at the Baptist Church, where the deceased young man attended and was a member of the Bible Class before he volunteered for service in the R.A.F. It was conducted by the Rev. M. Lister Gaunt, of Sandown, who paid a moving tribute to the great debt of gratitude we all owed to the gallant young men of the R.A.F. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The interment followed in the deceased's father's grave at Carisbrooke cemetery. The family mourners were: Mrs. E. Cox (mother), Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cox (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. A. Draper (grandfather), Mr. H. Draper (uncle), Mrs. Woodward (aunt), Miss Joyce Edwards, and Mr. Norman Fryer, a comrade in the R.A.F. Among the large gathering also present were the Mayor (Capt. J. S. Brown), Mr. S. W. Ibbotson (manager), Mr. S. F. Holmes (secretary), and members of the staff of the Newport Gas Co., Messrs. H. E. Waterson and H. J. Davies (Newport Secondary School staff), Sergt. A. Shaw, R.A.F., and many members of the congregation of the church. Mr. C. W. Grant, of the Gas Co. staff was unavoidably prevented from attending through absence from the Island.

H. F. Damp made the arrangements.

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