

## **Frederick Harry Ray**

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### **THE ISLAND AND THE WAR**

#### **KILLED**

**Flight-Sergt. Frederick Harry Ray, R.A.F.**, aged 26, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ray, of 6 Nelson-road, Newport. Flight-Sergt. Ray was serving in the Metropolitan Police before joining the R.A.F. He had made a number of operational flights over enemy territory, and was a member of the St. Thomas's Bible-class.

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#### **NEWPORT.**

**R.A.F. Pilot's Funeral.** - The funeral of Flight-Sergt. Frederick Harry Ray, R.A.F., aged 26, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ray, of 6 Nelson-road, whose death after an operational flight over enemy territory was announced last week, took place on Wednesday, a service being held in the Parish Church and the interment in Carisbrooke Cemetery. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) officiated. Flight-Sergt. Ray was formerly a member of the St. Thomas's Bible Class and prior to joining the R.A.F. two years ago and gaining his wings after training in Canada, he was a member of the Metropolitan Police. He had taken part in a number of raids over Germany. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ray (parents), Mrs. Middlebrook and Mr. and Mrs. J. Newton (aunts and uncle), Miss R. Bone W.A.A.F. (fiancé), Mrs. Southcott (cousin), Mr. W. Southcott, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blake, Mr. W. Harris, Mr. H. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lacey, and Mr. F. Chiverton (leader of the St. Thomas's Bible Class). Others attending included an officer of his squadron, Mrs. E. J. Cooper (representing her son, P.C. R. Cooper, of the Metropolitan Police), Messrs. W. Bale (locomotive foreman) and A. Wheway (stationmaster), representing Mr. Ray's colleagues of the Southern Railway staff, and Messrs. H. Mayes (vice-president) and C. J. Barham (acting hon. secretary) of the St. Thomas's Bible Class. .... The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the local arrangements.

#### **RAF Records**

156 Sqdn – Lancaster III - Took off 1824 29 Sept 1943 from Warboys. Crashed on return from Bochum in bad weather coming down at Wimbotsham 2 miles NNE of Downham Market Norfolk.

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