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THE LATE LEADING SIGNALMAN IRWIN JAMES CHAMBERLAIN, R.A.N.

Owing probably to the pathetic circumstances, together with the popularity of the late Leading Signaller, Irwin James Chamberlain, R.A.N., the funeral, which took place on Sunday afternoon last with naval honors, was one of the largest witnessed in Fremantle for many years. The deceased, who had just reached his 23rd year, was born in Fremantle, and was a son of Mr. Charles Chamberlain, an old and respected identity of the Port. He had chosen a naval career, and was to have proceeded in a few weeks to the Eastern States to complete his course so as to become a chief petty officer. His brother, Gordon, is on active service at the Dardanelles. The long naval cortege, headed by the firing party, moved from the residence of his parents, in Price-street, Fremantle, and proceeded to the local cemetery, where the remains were interred in the Church of England portion. The casket, enshrouded with the Union Jack, was borne to the graveside by Yeomen Signallers H'Callum, Lewis, Davey, Butchart, and Bluejackets Tuxford and Ridley (of the Naval Reserves). The naval chaplain, the Rev. Canon R. H. Moore, who conducted the service at the graveside, also delivered a most impressive and appropriate address, in the presence of over one thousand people. The M.U.-L.O.O.F. service was read by Bro. H. Flindell, P.G.M., W.A.D. The religious ceremony was concluded by the singing of a verse of deceased's favorite hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light." The three volleys were then fired, and the "Last

volley, were then fired, and the "Last Post" sounded. The order of cortege was:—The firing party of twenty-six bluejackets of Naval Reserve, and a bugler, under Chief Petty Officer Scorey; the Implement Works Band, which, under the conductorship of Mr. Roy C. Davies, rendered Handel's Dead March in "Saul" en route; the hearse and bearers, and the mourners, which were composed of Senior Naval Cadets, under Chief Petty Officers Lane, Johnson and Mulhearn. The parade, which consisted of over 200 Naval Reserves, was under the supervision of Lieut. C. T. Norris, who also represented Captain Clare, R.A.N., District Naval Officer. Others present were: Captain Anderson (representing Major Griffiths, C.O., (R.A.-G.A., Fremantle), Commander C. J. Irvine, R.A.N.R. (Chief Harbormaster), the Minister for Public Works,

Mr. W. C. Angwin, M.L.A., Sergeant F. W. Harper (10th Light Horse), Mr. Geo. Sinclair (representing Harbor and Lights Department), Bro. H. A. Herbert (secretary), T. R. Cook (P.G.), J. C. Gunson (P.P.G.M.), T. MacIver (P.G.), and E. Hankinson (N.G., of New Swan Lodge, No. 4406), and many other representative people. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. Chamberlain (parents), Messrs. Harold and Glen Chamberlain (brothers), the Misses May and Effie Chamberlain (sisters), Mr. J. Craig (grandfather), Mesdames W. A. and A. Chamberlain, T. King, H. Woods, G. Cooper, W. Butterworth, B. Jones, and J. P. Craig (aunts), Messrs. W. A. and Alf. Chamberlain, T. King, H. Woods, G. Cooper, W. Butterworth, B. Jones, and J. P. Craig (uncles), Messrs. B. Cooper, Leslie Chamberlain, Colin Craig, H. Adams, J. and H. Davies and the Misses May and Jean Craig (cousins). Wreaths were sent by Warrant Of-

W. eaths were sent by Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the H.A.G.A. and Garrison Guards, Senior Naval Cadets, Officers and Staff of Naval Office (Fremantle), Captain and Mrs. Clare, Captain Morrison, Naval Reserves, Vic's Picture Co., the "Gropser" crew, and by relatives and numerous friends. Many letters, telegrams, cards, and other tokens of condolence have also been received by the bereaved parents. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Arthur E. Davies and Co., of Fremantle.