

PASSING OF A HERO.

First V.C. of this war to be buried in English soil,
the body of Lieutenant-Commander Esmonde leader of the heroic
attack by Swordfish aircraft on the escaping Gneisenau and Schornhorst
up the English Channel, is laid to rest. High Officers of the Navy,
Air Force and Royal Marines pay a final tribute to the gallant airman
who led his six planes straight into a curtain of fire and perished
with his men during that brave attack. So all that is mortal
of a hero comes home.... In the turmoil of war on a dozen fronts, let
us not forget those who have died that we may live.