

Ernest Leonard Leal

1911 census, 61 Carisbrooke Road, Newport

Ernest John Leal	Head	47	Bricklayer	Newport, Isle of Wight
Hannah Leal	Wife	50		Newport, Isle of Wight
Florence May Palmer	Daughter	28		Newport, Isle of Wight
Hilda Leal	Daughter	21		Newport, Isle of Wight
Ernest Leonard Leal	Son	20	Bricklayer Apprentice	Newport, Isle of Wight
Arthur Henry Leal	Son	18	Bricklayer Apprentice	Newport, Isle of Wight
Cecil Jack Leal	Son	16	Printer Apprentice	Newport, Isle of Wight
Freda Leal	Daughter	15		Newport, Isle of Wight
Robert Leal	Son	13	School	Newport, Isle of Wight
Mildred Leal	Daughter	12	School	Newport, Isle of Wight,
Leslie Leal	Grandson	10mths		Newport, Isle of Wight

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THE ISLAND AND THE WAR.

ANOTHER YOUNG NEWPORT SOLDIER KILLED.

Lce.-Cpl. Ernest Leonard Chambers Leal, R.E., eldest son of Mr. E. J. Leal, the town mason, and Mrs. Leal, of 61 Carisbrooke-road, Newport, has laid down his life for King and Country. The sad news was conveyed to the parents, with whom sincere sympathy is felt, in letters received on Monday. Capt. Simms, commanding No. 11 Field Co. R.E., wrote: "It is with regret that I have to report the death of your son, of my unit, who was killed in action during the night 8th-9th April. He was at work when he met his death, which was instantaneous. He has proved himself hard working and trustworthy, ever-willing and every-ready. His conduct has been beyond reproach, and he has given me every satisfaction. He was held in high esteem by all ranks, and his loss is mourned by all. He was buried to-day (April 9th) by his comrades, and his grave will be cared for during our stay in this district. I extend to you my deepest sympathies, and those of all ranks under my command, in your loss." Sergt. A. Etheridge, a comrade, also wrote in touching terms, mentioning that the deceased was only appointed lance-corporal the day before his death. The writer says: "I hope you will bear the sad news as bravely as you can, for you may be assured that he died a noble soldier's death, fighting for his King and Country. . . ." Lce-Corpl. Leal, who was only 24, was apprenticed as a mason at Messrs. T. and E. W. Jenkins, of Newport, and won high opinions from his employers. He joined the Army three years ago. He had been at the Front ever since August. He was an old Barton schoolboy, and many friends at Newport, amongst whom he was extremely popular, deeply deplore his death.

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