Kenneth Edward Bruce Way

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census Clevedon, Staplers, Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age Occupation	Birthplace
Edward W. Way	Head	Married	36 Auctioneer & Valuer	Winchester, Hampshire
Grace Way	Wife	Married	36	Arreton, IOW
Kenneth E Bruce Way	Son		9	Arreton, IOW
Phyllis Grace Way	Daughter		5	Arreton, IOW
Ronald Douglas Way	Son		3	Arreton, IOW
Jessie Eliza Toole Bristow	Servant	Single	23 Domestic Cook	Portsmouth, Hampshire
Elsie Emma Trickett	Servant	Single	15 Housemaid	Brighstone, IOW

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DEATH OF MR. KENNETH WAY

Widespread regret and sympathy have been aroused this week by the death of a highly esteemed member of an old and honoured Island family in the person of Mr. Kenneth Edward Bruce Way, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Way, of Cleveden, Staplers, Newport, of the firm of Messrs, Henry J. Way and Son. This exceptionally sad event occurred on Saturday last at Wallingford, after a brief illness, and following an operation for appendicitis. The deceased, who was only 20 years of age, had been unwell for only just over a week. Medical advice, which was promptly sought, was against an operation at that time, and after keeping to his bed for a few days the disquieting symptoms apparently subsided, and there seemed every prospect of the trouble passing away. Unfortunately, however, whilst still in the hospital, the symptoms suddenly became grave towards the end of last week, and an operation was at once decided upon. This was carried out, and was apparently successful, although the patient's condition was critical. He gradually grew worse, and about 8 p.m. on Saturday passed peacefully to his long rest in the presence of his parents, who had frequently been at his bedside throughout his illness. The news of his death cast quite the gloom over St. Paul's, Barton, where he was so well known and popular. Deceased received his early education at Westmont-school and at Portland House Academy, Newport, going on, in 1914, to Cranleigh-school, Surrey, where he became a house prefect at the early age of 16, and school prefect the next year, as well as head prefect of his house. He received his school First XV. colours for Rugby football and Second XI. colours for cricket, and was a sergeant in the Officers' Training Corps. Shortly after leaving Cranleigh he was articled to Messrs. Franklin and Gale, auctioneers, valuers, and estate agents, of Wallingford, Oxford, with whom he was doing important work at the time of his death. He passed the preliminary examination of the Surveyors' Institute in January, and gave brilliant promise of a successful professional career. He volunteered for the National Defence Force on the outbreak of the coal strike, joining the Royal Berkshire Regt., at Didcot, when he was quickly promoted. He was a member of the Wallingford Tennis Club and Oxfordshire Nomads Rugby football team. A splendid athlete of fine physique, standing well over 6 feet in height, he was accomplished in the leading sports and games, and he was always ready to do others a good turn. His loss is deeply deplored at Wallingford, where he had won popularity, as well as in the Island, and among the many letters of condolence and sympathy which have been received is one from the Mayor of Wallingford, expressing regret of behalf of the whole town,

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while another came from Sir Anker Simmons, K.B.E., of Henley-on-Thames. The deepest sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Way in their loss on the threshold of his career of so promising a son.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the first portion of the service being at St. Paul's, Barton, and the interment at the Parish Cemetery, Fairlee [actually, St. Paul's Cemetery]. The large attendance at the obsequies, in spite of rainy weather, testified to the intense sympathy felt for the family. The Vicar (the Rev. M. Atkinson) officiated, and the choir effectively led the singing of the hymns "Thine for ever" and "On the resurrection morning", and the chanting of the 90th and 23rd psalms. Mr. Leslie Dore was at the organ, and sympathetically played "But the Lord is mindful of His own" and Mendelssohn's "Funeral march".

The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Way, Miss Phyllis Way (sister), Mr. Ronald Way (brother), Major and Mrs. Henry J. Way, Miss Ethel Way, Mrs. Howard Golden, Mr. Norman Way, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Way, Miss King and Miss Christine King (Holybourne), Mr. James B. King (Farrington, Alton), Mr. Arthur Denyer, Mr. Stanley Denyer (Alton), Mr. Seymour Pittis, and Mr. Harold Gale (representing the firm of Messrs. Franklin and Gale, Wallingford). Amongst those also present were Mrs. W. H. Nutter, Miss Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Chatfeild-Clarke and Miss Chatfeild-Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Mew, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dann, Capt. C. W. Brannon, M.C., Messrs. H. Cawley-Way, Scott Cawley-Way, W. E. and E. G. Loe, C. Allan, jun., Horatio, Hilton and Walton Morris, James Locke, F. Cressall, H. Braund, John Roach, G. Long, J. Salter, W. Bishop, C. Morgan, J. T. Locke, G. H. Arthur, A. E. Harvey, E. G. Barnes, F. King, H. Callaway, G. Wheeler, G. O. and H. D. Morris, L. C. Attrill, D. Brown, F. W. Self, J. J. Linington, G. Hazard, and the following members of the office staff of Messrs. Henry J. Way and Son; Messrs. A. E. Chard, A. R. Matthews, M. Locke, and C. H. Smith.

The grave was lined with evergreens, and the coffin bore the inscription "Kenneth Edward Bruce Way, died October 15th, 1921 aged 20 years."

Mr. G. F. Quinton made the local arrangements for the funeral.

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