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Address: Gas Cottage, North Arreton, IW.

James BUTCHERS. Head. M. 40. Blacksmith. Isle of Wight.
Elizabeth BUTCHERS. Wife. M. 38. Isle of Wight.
Charles BUTCHERS. Son. 11. Isle of Wight.
Walter BUTCHERS. Son. 9. Isle of Wight.

*In 1911 **Walter** (19) was living at 5 Abingdon Road, Ryde, with his parents James (50) & Elizabeth Maria (47), his sister Ellen Mary (29), his brother Charles James (21) and his cousin Nellie Merwood (8). **Walter** was listed as a Shopman Furniture.*

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Death Notice:-

BUTCHER.---Oct. 17th of enteric, at Alexandria, Lance-Corpl. **Walter J. BUTCHER**, 1/8th Hants Regiment (I.W. Rifles), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. BUTCHER, of Abingdon-road, Ryde, aged 23.

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Lce.-Corpl. **Walter John BUTCHER**, who died at the 21st General Hospital on Sunday October 17th, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. BUTCHER, of Abingdon-road, Ryde. Prior to the war---he joined the Service Battalion on September 1914---he was employed at W. DORE's furnishing store, High-street, Ryde, and was well known and very popular in the town. He was born on January 14th, 1892. He entered the Parish Church choir as a boy in 1902. He was a member of the C.E.M.S. and the Guild of All Saints'. He taught in the Boys' Sunday School, was organist for the Boys' Bible Class, and took a great interest in Church work generally. He also chimed the bells for the choral celebrations and children's services. The Rev. R. B. DURRANT made a feeling reference to his passing away at the Parish-church on Sunday evening. He said: "Many of us are thinking tonight of one well-loved friend, who but lately left us to do his duty by his country, and who has now, in the greatest love, made the great sacrifice and laid down his life at the feet of the Master he served so well. Not one of those who knew and loved him, who took sweet counsel with him, and walked in the house of God with him as friends, but thanks God from his heart for the inspiration of the life and death of Walter BUTCHER. The strength and manliness, the purity and beauty of his character were plainly to be seen. A true friend, a loyal worker for Christ in this church, a very Christian gentleman, his loss is hard to bear. But he being dead, yet not speaketh.' We know that his short life was not lived in vain; his influence is a living enduring power for good in the lives of many. May he rest in peace."

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Name: **Walter John BUTCHER**

Rank: Lance Corporal

Service No: 1845

Date of death: 17/10/1915

Age: 23

Regiment/Service: Hampshire Regiment 1st/8th Bn.

Grave reference: D.55

Cemetery: Alexandria (Chatby) Military & War Memorial Cemetery

Additional information: Son of Mr. J. and Mrs. E. M. Butcher, of Fernside, 5 Abingdon Rd., Ryde, IW.

Soldiers Died in the First World War

First name: **Walter John**

Last Name: **BUTCHER**

Service number: 1845

Rank: L/Cpl

Regiment: Hampshire Regiment

Battalion: 1/18th (T.F.) Battalion

Birth place: North Arreton, IOW

Residence: --

Enlistment place: Ryde IOW

Death year: 1915

Death day: 17

Death month: 10

Cause of death: Died

Death place: Gallipoli

Theatre of War: Balkan Theatre

Researched by

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