

## Leonard Newman Bishop



Leonard was the son of Edward Bishop and Sarah Rebecca nee Newman and lived in Winchester, transferring to Isleworth with his post office occupation in 1912. His grandfather, Benjamin, was a cordwainer and his father worked as a servant at Winchester College in 1861 and then a warder and principal warder at Winchester Jail, in 1881. He had three siblings: Charles Edward, an organ builder in 1901, Edith Annie and Lily. Leonard worked as a postman in 1901. In the 1911 census, he was recorded as a soldier, Overseas and Military, at Harrismith in South Africa with the South Wales Borderers. His father had died shortly before this; his mother prior to 1881. Leonard was also a member of the Reserve until called up, along with 6 other local postmen from Isleworth Postal Staff, when War broke out. He had also helped to organise a Postal Staff Dinner at the Milford Arms, Isleworth, as reported in the Middlesex Chronicle on February 14<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Leonard (9416) served with the D Company, 1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers and was killed in action on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Vendresse, France. His brother Charles Edward received a letter from Lieutenant J.R. Homfrey from Leonard's regiment:

*"It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you of the circumstances resulting in the death of No. 9416, Private L. Bishop. At the same time, an Englishman can but feel proud that our country possesses such splendid soldiers as your brother, private bishop. During the early morning of 26<sup>th</sup> September, our regiment was very heavily attacked by the Germans, who succeeded in reaching our trenches. The fighting was almost hand to hand, and after a most gallant and stubborn resistance, the Germans, who were in very superior force, were driven back with great losses. Private Bishop fell, shot through the head, but not before he had covered himself with glory in that gallant stand; his conduct and bravery that morning went a long way towards upholding the splendid name of the regiment to which he belonged. This incident took place at Vendresse, on the Aisne."*

### Certificate with the permission of the CWGC

In Memory of  
Private  
**Leonard Newman Bishop**  
9416, "D" Coy. 1st Bn., South Wales Borderers who died on 26 September 1914 Age 28  
Son of the late Edward and Sarah Rebecca Bishop, of Winchester. Also served in India with 1st Bn. Dorsetshire Regt. Employed at Isleworth Post Office as postman.  
Remembered with Honour  
La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial



  
Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Leonard Newman Bishop is also remembered on the memorial at St John's Church, Isleworth and, on the Twickenham Post Office Staff War Memorial, along with other members of the Twickenham head branch and sub post office staff who lost their lives during the War of 1914-1918.