

## Albert Charles William Coward

### 1911 census, High Street, Carisbrooke

Albert Frederick Coward	Head	48	Boot maker	Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Ada Coward	Wife	40		Ryde, Isle of Wight
<i>Albert C. W. Coward</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Carriage and Shoeing Smith</i>	<i>Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight</i>
Raymond Cecil Coward	Son	8		Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight
Vera Ivy Nellie Coward	Daughter	7		Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight

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### ISLAND RIFLES AT THE FRONT.

#### CARISBROOKE RIFLEMAN KILLED IN ACTION.

The sad news was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coward, of Carisbrooke, that their eldest son, Rfn. Albert C. W. Coward, B Co., aged 21, had been killed in action at Gallipoli on November 29th. The deceased was a sturdily-built young man, and had gone through the whole of the earlier fighting at Suvla Bay without a scratch or any sickness, and his parents were therefore buoyed up with the thought that he was safe for a while, as the regiment had returned to Egypt; but unfortunately he must have met his gallant end a few days before the withdrawal. The deepest sympathy is felt with his parents and family. Rfn. Coward joined the Rifles previous to the war, and was a fine young soldier. He was a promising and popular member of the St. John's Athletic Club, having already shown good qualities as a cross-country runner and boxer. He is the first of the numerous members of the St. John's Men's Bible Class on active service to lose his life, and his death is much deplored.

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### ISLAND RIFLES AT THE FRONT.

#### LAST GALLIPOLI CASUALTIES AMONG ISLAND RIFLES.

C.S.M. A. C. Early, Newport, writing to Mr. James Eldridge, leader of the St. John's (Newport) Men's Bible Class, on December 18<sup>th</sup>, said : "We are at last out of the fire zone, and are at present at sea. The last week we were on the Peninsula we had a snowstorm, so that in four months we had there the two extremes of weather. . . . I am sorry to tell you that we lost the first member of our Bible Class during the last few days at Gallipoli. A. Coward (Carisbrooke) was killed whilst on his way through the saps to draw rations for the battalion. This seemed very rough luck, as, if the battalion had left when it was intended they should leave, it would not have happened. Owing to the snowstorm the boats were unable to get us off, and the battalion had to go back into a reserve gully for a few days. The following day poor Coward and another were killed and a couple of others were wounded. However, we have a lot to be thankful for, and I hope we shall all be able to join the other members of the Class and thank the One responsible."

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