

All Hallows' Church, Leeds

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The Stewart Family

James Frederick Stewart and his wife Ada lived at various times at 4 Lodge Avenue, Tong Pool, Wortley, Leeds and Burley Lodge Road, Leeds. They had 9 children, eight sons and a daughter.

Their eldest son, James Frederick Patrick Stewart was married to Lilian Webster at All Hallows' on the 3rd Nov 1906, and their only daughter, Ivy Louisa Stewart, married Albert Edward Scholey at All Hallows' on 10 January 1914. Leonard Stewart was baptised at All Hallows' on 29th March 1896 and their youngest son, George Mears Stewart, was baptised at All Hallows' on 4th December 1898

Private William Arthur Stewart was the first to die. He was 29 and serving with the 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment); Service No: 11082, when he was killed by a sniper at Gallipoli on the 24th October 1915. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. Memorial Reference: Panel 117 to 119.



WILLIAM STEWART

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CHARLES STEWART

Lieutenant Charles Edward Stewart, aged 32 was the second son to die in the Great War. He was killed on the Somme on the 10th September 1916 while serving with the Manchester Regiment. Already Mentioned in Dispatches in 1915 he was shot in the head while leading his men. He died in hospital in Abbeville and is buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery. His mother was able to travel to France to see him on his deathbed.

Private Leonard Stewart served with the 2nd Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own); Service No: 18415. He was badly wounded and had been sent home to recuperate but then returned to the



LEONARD STEWART



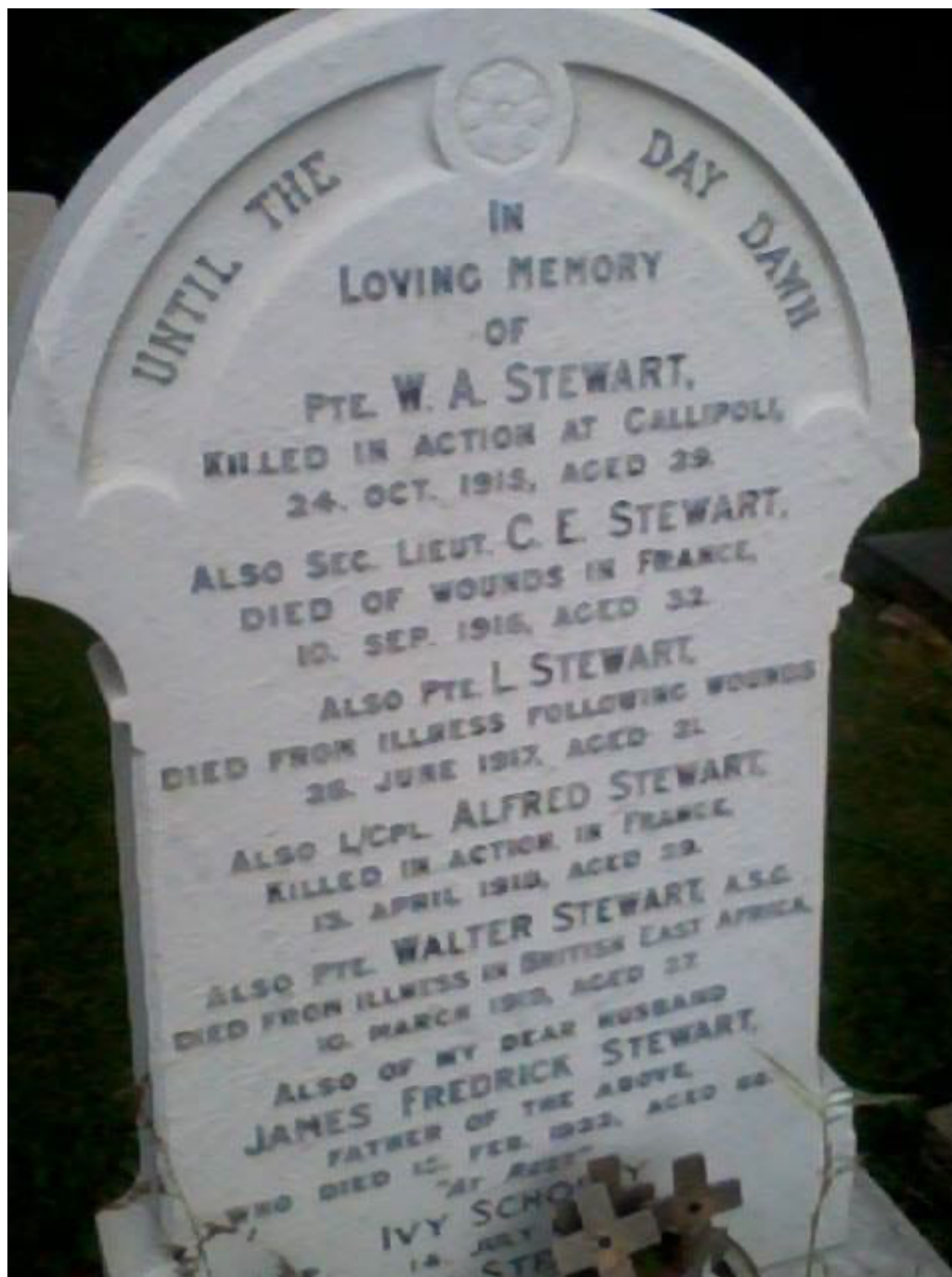
ALFRED & HANNAH STEWART

trenches. There he contracted pleurisy, was again returned to England where he died on 26th June 1917 in a Manchester hospital, aged 21. Leonard is the only Stewart brother actually buried in the family grave in Lawnswood Cemetery.

Lance Corporal Alfred Stewart aged 29, served in the York and Lancaster Regiment. He had enlisted in 1909 and served as a drummer. He was killed in Belgium on April 13th 1918, and having no known grave is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial. He left a wife, Hannah, and a one year old daughter.

The war ended in 1918 and the Stewarts, having lost four sons in four years must have thought that at least their son Private Walter Stewart would return safely home. He was a mechanic with the Army Service Corps and serving in East Africa. Tragically he did not survive the long journey home and was buried at sea on March 10th 1919. As at October 2011, he has not been recognized as

a casualty of war.



Stewart family gravestone at Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds

The eldest son, James Frederick Patrick Stewart, also served in World War I but we don't have any records yet. We believed that he was injured and possibly suffered from what we today recognise as Post Traumatic Stress. He lived until 1944.



ROBERT STEWART

Robert Henry Stewart served in the Merchant Marine and survived the war. He died on the 25th October 1928 aged 35.

Youngest brother, George Mears Stewart, appears to have served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps during World War II. Somehow, even though he would have been 41 years old in 1939, he secured a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and was promoted to Captain by the time he left the military in 1947. He lived until 1957.