

Leonard Hugh Hull

Private, 2/4th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment. Enlisted June 25th, 1917. Served, first, in the Hampshire Training Reserve. Sent to France March 31st, 1918. Transferred to the Berkshire Regiment. At the Battle of Armentières and much of the fighting in the great German “push”. Killed in action near Hazebrouck, August 11th, 1918. Interred at Merville Communal Cemetery. General Service and Victory Medals.



LEONARD HULL WAS born in 1899 in Corsham – his parents were William Hull, who was a Lacock man, and Savery Webb, who was born in Broughton Gifford. William was a stone quarryman and the family lived in Coppershell. Leonard had two elder sisters, Eva and Effie. In the 1911 census William is recorded as being a stone sawyer and Leonard, aged 12, is still at school.

Leonard's service records show that he enlisted in Chippenham in June 1917, when he was 18. After a short period in the Training Reserve he was transferred to the Berkshire Regiment and was on active service in France in March 1918. He was killed in action near Hazebrouck in northern France on 11th August 1918, when he was only 19 years old, and is buried in the Merville Community Cemetery.

His parents continued to live locally. William died in 1923 and Savery in 1928.