

Memorial: (WMR 88176) Halling, Kent

PRIVATE

JAMES SCANLAN LEIGH

Service Number: PLY/15419
Regiment & Unit/Ship: Royal Marine Light Infantry
2nd R.M. Bn. R.N. Div.
Date of Death: Died 11 July 1917
Buried/commemorated at: ORCHARD DUMP CEMETERY, ARLEUX-EN-GOHELLE
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France

News recently came to hand that Pte. James Scanlan Leigh, 2nd R.M.L.I., only son of Mr. James Leigh, and the late Mrs. Leigh, for many years residents in Halling, had been killed in action. He enlisted on August 17th, 1911, at Kingston-on-Thames. For a considerable time he served on H.M.S. Triumph, and went through all engagements with the Japanese at Toing Tang. He landed with the New Zealand Contingents at Suvla Bay on that memorable Sunday morning, and was at the evacuation of Gallipoli. He also took part in the Battle of Beaumont Hamel, in France, and other engagements, and was twice wounded, being at last killed in action on July 11th, 1917, at the age of 25 years. His father is at present living at Buxton, Derbyshire, and has had much sympathy extended to him by his old Halling friends.

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