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an election poster

## **CHARLES ALBERT JAMES WARD**

Lieutenant, Indian Army Reserve of Officers attached to the censor's department.

Died on board the Hospital Ship *Vita* sailing on the Red Sea, on 15th December 1918, aged 51

Address: 33, Leckhampton Road

He is commemorated on the Leckhampton and Cheltenham War Memorials and also on the Jerusalem memorial, in Israel.

Charles Ward was the son of George and Mary Ward of Fairfield House (now demolished), Leckhampton Road. He trained as a lawyer and worked in a practice in Cardiff, where he was elected as a Conservative Councillor in 1894. As a member of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Welsh Regiment he served from 1900 to 1902 in the South African Campaign, during which time he was appointed as a staff officer in the 'Brabant's Horse' cavalry regiment.

He volunteered again in 1915 and was posted to India, where he served in the Censor's Department. He became ill late in 1918 and was sailing home on board the Hospital Ship *Vita* when he died and was buried in the Red Sea.

Charles Ward was married to Ada Grace Hall, who was the Commandant of the Red Cross Voluntary Aid Hospital at Leckhampton Court throughout the war.

Mrs Grace Ward, Commandant of the  
Leckhampton Court Red Cross Hospital

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