

ASPINALL, RICHARD 27947 Corporal 4th Battalion 98th Brigade 33rd Division

THE KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT)

Born Preston Enlisted Preston Living Leyland

Killed in action France / Flanders 2 November 1916

Ref: 'Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919', Part 13.

Chorley Guardian and Leyland Hundred Advertiser 24th February 1917

Information has been received by Mr Aspinall of Heaton Street, Leyland of the death in action on 2nd Nov 1916 of his son Cpl Richard Aspinall of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment. He was 26 years of age, unmarried and an employee of Mr T. L. Robinson, Preston.

Preston Guardian Saturday 24th February 1917

Richard Aspinall's death was reported – the facts as in the Chorley Guardian above.
His photo appeared in the Chorley Guardian of 3 March 1917.

St. Andrew's, Leyland Parish Magazine March 1917

A Memorial Service was held at noon, Sunday, Feb. 25th, 1917, for
Richard Aspinall and T. Pickup.

Cpl Aspinall's name appears on the following local memorials:-

War Memorial, Church Road, Leyland
Mural Plaque in St Andrew's, Leyland
Roll of Honour, Harris Museum, Preston

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

With no known grave, Cpl Aspinall's name appears on the:-

THIÈPVAL MEMORIAL, SOMME, FRANCE

The names of the 4th King's appear on Pier 1 Face D and Pier 8 Faces B and C. The son of Richard and Ann Aspinall of 57 Golden Hill Lane, Leyland, Lancs.

The memorial is some 6 km north of Albert. Thièpval village is 3 km north-west of Pozières on the D73 road. Pozières lies on the D929 – Albert to Bapaume road – 6.5 km north-east of Albert.

Note 1:- At the time of Cpl Aspinall's death, the family home was on Heaton Street, but he was living at 294 Lancaster Road, Preston, at the time of his enlistment.

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Note 2:- The 33rd Division, of which the 4th King's was a part, was engaged in the Battles of

the Somme, July 1st to November 18th, 1916. At the time of Richard Aspinall's death the battalion does not appear to have been in a major engagement.

Aspinall, Richard.

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