

BALDWIN, THOMAS GREGORY 24595 Private 11th Battalion 115th Bde 38th Division

THE SOUTH WALES BORDERERS

Born Chorley Enlisted Preston Living Leyland

Died of Wounds France / Flanders 6th August 1917

Formerly 66825 R.H.A. and R.F.A.

Ref : 'Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919', Part 29.

Chorley Guardian and Leyland Hundred Advertiser Sat. 25 August 1917

Pte Thomas Gregory Baldwin died of wounds at the Casualty Clearing Station, France, on Aug. 6th, 1917. Deceased was 30 years of age and enlisted at the outbreak of war in the Scottish (sic) Borderers, and was at the Dardanelles campaign. He worked at Wood-Milne Ltd and attended St. Mary's. His widow and three children, who now reside at 12 Spring Gardens, Leyland, formerly lived in Chorley (his photo appears in this issue of the 'Guardian').

Preston Guardian Sat. 27th October 1917

Thomas Gregory Baldwin, South Wales Borderers, who was formerly a fireman at the Wood-Milne Works, Leyland, has died of wounds in France. He enlisted in 1914 and went through the Dardanelles campaign being invalided home with dysentery. After his recovery he went out to France in December last.

Baldwin, who was a member of St. Mary' Church, Leyland, leaves a widow and three children who live at Spring Gardens, Leyland. His parents reside at Lostock Hall. Two of his brothers are still serving, one in France and the other with the Red Cross in Salonika (T.G's photo is in this issue).

Thomas Gregory Baldwin's name appears on the following local memorials:-

War Memorial, Church Road, Leyland
St. Mary's Memorial, Worden Lane, Leyland
Lostock Hall Memorial, Tardy Gate
Our Lady and St. Gerard's Memorial, Tardy Gate

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

T. G. Baldwin is buried in the:-

MENDINGHAM MILITARY CEMETERY, PROVEN, BELGIUM

Plot 4 Row A Grave 28

Next-of-Kin Information: The son of John and Elizabeth Baldwin, and husband of Margaret.
Living at 12 Spring Gardens, Bradshaw Street, Leyland, formerly living in Chorley.

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I made an appeal for information on St. Mary's Newsheet, 14th August 1994: The late Mrs Rhodes

– whom I knew as a parishioner at St. Mary's – rang to tell me that Thomas Gregory Baldwin was her father. She knew his regimental details, also his place of burial as she had visited the grave some two years ago with her daughter and son-in-law.

Her father was born in Brindle but the family moved to Lostock Hall where they still lived when he was killed. Thomas Gregory apparently moved to Leyland on his marriage.

Mrs Rhodes told me that she had some photographs which she offered to lend me (offer not taken up yet, but noted), but other items (letters etc) were lost in a burglary at her daughter's home.

Note 1:- Proven, Pte. Baldwin's place of burial, is 6 km north-west of Poperinghe on the N308 road.

Note 2:- The 38th Division, of which the 11th South Wales Borderers was a part, was fighting in XIV Corps 5th Army in what became known as '3rd Yprès' at the time of T. G. Baldwin's death.

Note 3:- The 11th (Service) Battalion, South Wales Borderers, was also known as the 11th (2nd Gwent) Battalion.

Baldwin, Thomas Gregory.

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