

**BALL, GEORGE 4813 Private 10th Battalion T.F. 166th Brigade 55th Division**

**THE KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT)**

**Born Leyland Enlisted Preston Living Leyland**

**Died of Wounds France / Flanders 9th August 1916**

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

**Chorley Weekly News 26th August 1916**

Word was received last week of the death of Pte George Ball whose home is at 28 Herbert Street, Leyland. The deceased soldier was in his 20th year.

Before the war he was in the territorials and went to camp at Lancaster. War being declared he was recalled to train for service after a day or two in camp. He was discharged later but rejoined the forces being in the King's Liverpool Scottish Guards.

He went out to France before Christmas 1915. The deceased had been connected with the Bradshaw Street (Church of England) Mission. This letter from the nurse apprising the family of his decease was as follows:- "Aug. 9th – Dear Mrs Ball, Your son Private Ball 4813 King's Liverpool Regiment, was admitted into this hospital today suffering from a wound of the arm. He was very ill and gradually got worse. I regret to say he passed away at 6.20 tonight. He did not speak of anyone or leave a message".

Private Asma, formerly of the Chorley Fire Brigade, who is also serving in the Army, is uncle to the deceased. His mother resides in Chorley (George Ball's photo appears in this issue of the 'Guardian').

**Pte Ball's name appears on the following local Memorials:-**

War Memorial, Church Road, Leyland  
St. Ambrose Memorial, Moss Lane, Leyland  
Memorial Plaque in St. Ambrose, Leyland

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

George Ball is buried in the:-

**LA NEUVILLE BRITISH CEMETERY, CORBIE, FRANCE**

Plot 1 Row F Grave 14 Native of Leyland. Son of Phoebe Anna Ball.

The cemetery is on the northern side of Corbie, which is 14 km east of Amiens.

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**The Battle of the Somme, Gerald Gliddon. First published in corrected edition by Alan Sutton Publishing, 1994.** The 55th Division was engaged in the battle for Guillemont on August 8th, 1916: The barrage opened at 4.20 am. Later in the day the 166th Brigade was relieving the 164th, and the Liverpool Scottish lost heavily in this engagement. This must have been the action in which George Ball received his fatal wound from which he died the following day, August 9th , 1916.

**St. Ambrose Baptismal Register -**

Bapt: September 27th, 1896 George, son of Phoebe Ball of Leyland.  
He was born on Sept 8th.

**Ball, George.**

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