

BANNISTER, HARRY 102317 Private 67th Battalion 4th Canadian Division

CANADIAN INFANTRY

Killed in Action France / Flanders 11th October 1916

Ref: 'Commonwealth War Graves Commission'.

Chorley Guardian and Leyland Hundred Advertiser Sat. 11th November 1916

Pte Harry Bannister, Western Scots (Canadian Volunteers), whose mother resides at 5 Broad Street, Leyland, fell in action on October 11th, 1916.

He was 38 years of age and prior to leaving for Canada some ten years ago, he was employed at the Leyland Bleachworks. He was married with two children.

Preston Guardian Sat. 18th November 1916

A report similar to that of the Chorley Guardian, but with photograph.

Leyland St. Andrew's Parish Magazine November 1916

Reports that 'He fell in action 11th October 1916. One of the many Leyland men who came back from the Colonies to fight for the Empire.'

Harry Bannister's name appears on the following local memorials:-

War Memorial, Church Road, Leyland
Mural Plaque in St. Andrew's, Leyland
Mural Plaque in Balshaw's High School, Leyland

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Harry Bannister is buried in the :-

CONTAY BRITISH CEMETERY, FRANCE

Plot 3 Row B Grave 27 No next-of-kin information.

Contay is 12 km west of Albert and 18 km north-east of Amiens.

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'The Battle of the Somme' – A Topographical History – by Gerald Gliddon, 1987

The 4th Canadian Division was fighting in the vicinity of Grandcourt on the River Ancre at the time of Harry Bannister's death; from the details given one cannot be more precise as to where he actually lost his life.

The Appendix – 'The Divisions on the Somme' p.465: The 67th Battalion is described as the '67th Canadian Pioneer Battalion of the 4th Canadian Division, containing the 10th, 11th, and 12th Brigades'.

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