

BARNES, THOMAS 16857 Private 1st Battalion 87th Brigade 29th Division

THE BORDER REGIMENT

Born Leyland Enlisted Manchester Living Moss Side, Manchester

Died At Sea 13th August 1915

Ref: 'Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919', Part 39.

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

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

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Having 'Died at Sea', Thomas Barnes's name is on the:-

HELLES MEMORIAL, TURKEY

His name appears on Panel 119 or 125. No next-of-kin information.

The Helles Memorial bears over 20,000 names and is both the memorial to the Gallipoli campaign and to men who fell in that campaign and whose graves are unknown or who were lost or buried at sea in Gallipoli waters, except for the men of Australia and New Zealand who are named on other memorials. The Memorial stands on the tip of the peninsula and is in the form of an obelisk over 30 metres high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles.

As no report could be found relating to a Thomas Barnes in any local newspaper, I approached Tom Barnes of Leyland as a possible relative. Tom told me that he was, indeed, a cousin of the Thomas Barnes on the Leyland Memorials; further, that the family had moved to Manchester, but he could not give me any other details. I wrote to the C.W.G.C. in Tom's name and the information that they provided enabled me to locate his cousin in 'Soldiers Died'.

Leyland St. Andrew's Baptismal Register

13th Feb 1891 Bapt: Thomas son of James and Mary Ellen Barnes of Leyland

May 1996. Information Joe Hodgson : Joe told me that the above Thomas Barnes may well have been on the H.T. 'Royal Edward', which was torpedoed in the Aegean on Saturday, August 14th, 1915. Out of a complement of 1,200, 854 lives were lost. There must be some doubt however, as 'Soldiers Died' and the 'C.W.G.C.' both have his date of death as the 13th of August, not the 14th.

Barnes, Thomas.

W.E. Waring 2003