

BENNETT, HARRY 11096 Private 6th Battalion 38th Brigade 13th Division

THE LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT

Born Burnley Enlisted Preston Living Leyland

Killed in Action Gallipoli 9th August 1915

Ref: 'Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919', Part 50.

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

War Memorial, Church Road, Leyland
St. James Memorial, Moss Side, Leyland

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

With no known grave, Harry Bennett's name is on the:-

HELLES MEMORIAL, GALLIPOLI, TURKEY

The men of the 'Loyals' are commemorated on Panels 152 - 154. No next-of-kin information.

The Helles Memorial bears 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 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.

Gallipoli 1915: The 13th (Western) Division landed in Gallipoli in early July 1915 and on 6/7th August they took part in the Suvla Bay landings. On the night of the 9/10th, the 6th Battalion of the Loyals went into action relieving the New Zealanders on Chunuck Bair. In this engagement, things went badly wrong, other battalions failed to take up their correct positions and the 6th. Loyals were overrun by the Turks taking very heavy casualties. It was in this action that Harry Bennett lost his life together with fellow Leylanders Milton Graham and Richard Woods.

Note:- No newspaper account has been found of Harry Bennett's death.

Bennett, Harry.

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