

BERRY, JAMES THOMAS 116518 Gunner 8th Reserve Battery

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY

Born Leyland Enlisted Leyland Living Leyland

Died Fulwood 16th February 1916

Ref: 'Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919.' Part 2.

Chorley Guardian and Leyland Hundred Advertiser Sat. 19th February 1916

The death occurred in Fulwood Hospital, Preston of Gunner James Thomas Berry of the R.F.A. whose home is in Forge Street, Leyland.

Deceased who was 22 years of age only enlisted exactly six weeks before his death, and was stationed in Preston. He was connected with the Leyland Parish Church and the funeral takes place in the graveyard there today – Saturday, Feb. 19th.

Chorley Weekly News 26th February 1916

The report describes Gunner Berry as 'formerly a stenter at Stanning's Bleachworks'. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Hutchinson.

Preston Guardian 26th February 1916

The report is as in the Chorley Guardian of 19th Feb., but states that Gunner Berry 'died of pneumonia.'

C.W.G.C. Headstone in Leyland St. Andrew's Churchyard

116518 GUNNER
J. T. BERRY
ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY
16th FEBRUARY 1916 AGE 22
AT REST

Note:- This grave is in the section behind the 'Hearse House'.

J. T. Berry's name appears on the following local memorials:-

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

Continued

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Gunner J. T. Berry is buried in the:-

LEYLAND ST. ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD

Grave Ref: Section 4 No. 182

Next-of-kin: Son of Henrietta Jane Berry of 26 Water Street, Leyland, and of the late James Berry.
In the re-numbering of Leyland (1936-9), 26 Water Street became 121 Towngate.

Electoral Register Leyland – 1918

2 Forge Street – Henrietta Jane Berry.

St. Andrew's Parish Magazine August 1893

Baptised 28 July 1893, James Thomas, son of James and Henrietta Berry.

St. Andrew's Parish Magazine March 1916

Buried 19th Feb. 1916 James Thomas Berry, aged 22 years.

Berry, James Thomas.

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