

BIBBY, CHARLES 25108 Private 1st Battalion 6th Brigade 2nd Division

THE KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT)

Born Chorley Enlisted Chorley Living Leyland

Killed in Action France / Flanders 24th March 1918

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

Chorley Guardian and Leyland Hundred Advertiser Sat. 2nd November 1918

Pte Charles Bibby, King's Liverpool Regiment, is reported killed on March 24th, 1918, being reported missing three days previously. He was 24 years of age and worked at the Leyland Rubber Works, and resided with his parents at 12, Grundy Street (photo).

In the 'Deaths' column of this issue of the Guardian it states that he was posted missing on the 21st March 1918 and reported killed on the 24th.

Preston Guardian Sat 9th November 1918

A similar report to that in the Chorley Guardian of Nov. 2nd: also with photo.

Charles Bibby's name is on the following local memorials:-

War Memorial, Church Road, Leyland
St. Ambrose Memorial, Moss Lane, Leyland
St. Mary's Cemetery, Worden Lane, Leyland

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

With no-known-grave, Charles Bibby's name is on the:-

ARRAS MEMORIAL, ARRAS, FRANCE

His name is on Bay 3. No next-of-kin information.

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du Général de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras near the Citadel.

Register of Electors – Leyland, 1918

Bibby, Charles 12 Grundy Street Naval / Military vote.

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Note:- The 2nd Division, of which the 1st King's was a part, was fighting in the 'First Battle of Bapaume', 24th-25th March, 1918, at the time of Charles Bibby's death: presumably it was here

that he was killed in action. However, since he was reported missing three days earlier, there must be some doubt as to his exact date of death although the place, in the vicinity of Bapaume, is not in doubt.

Bibby, Charles.

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