Memorial: (WMR 88176) Halling, Kent

## **CORPORAL**

## **LEONARD MAYATT**

Service Number: G/361

Regiment & Unit/Ship Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)

7th Bn.

Date of Death Died 21 March 1918

Age 25 years old

Buried/commemorated at POZIERES MEMORIAL

Panel 58 and 59.

France

Additional Info Son of William and Amelia Mayatt, of 1, Forge Cottage, Lower Halling,

Rochester, Kent.

Leonard was born 25-Feb-1893 and christened 07-May-1893 at St John the Baptist, Halling, Kent.

## 1901 Census

The Bottom	William	Mayatt	m	h	m	47	cement labourer	St Mary's Cray	Kent
The Bottom	Amelia	Mayatt	m	w	f	46		Halling	Kent
The Bottom	Alice	Mayatt	s	d	f	22		Snodland	Kent
The Bottom	Ernest J	Mayatt	s	son	m	20	cement labourer	Snodland	Kent
The Bottom	Amy	Mayatt	s	d	f	18		Snodland	Kent
The Bottom	Charley	Mayatt	s	son	m	16	waggoner's mate on farm	Snodland	Kent
The Bottom	Arthur	Mayatt	s	son	m	14	coal weigher on coal wharf	Halling	Kent
The Bottom	Albert	Mayatt	{s}	son	m	12		Halling	Kent
The Bottom	Edith	Mayatt	{s}	d	f	10		Halling	Kent
The Bottom	Leonard A	Mayatt	{s}	son	m	8		Halling	Kent
The Bottom	Ada	Mayatt	{s}	d	f	5		Halling	Kent

## HISTORY INFORMATION

The POZIERES MEMORIAL relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8 August 1918. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names. The memorial encloses POZIERES BRITISH CEMETERY, Plot II of which contains original burials of 1916, 1917 and 1918, carried out by fighting units and field ambulances. The remaining plots were made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields immediately surrounding the cemetery, the majority of them of soldiers who died in the Autumn of 1916 during the latter stages of the Battle of the Somme, but a few represent the fighting in August 1918. There are now 2,758 Commonwealth servicemen buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 1,380 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 23 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. There is also 1 German soldier buried here. The cemetery and memorial were designed by W.H. Cowlishaw, with sculpture by Laurence A. Turner. The memorial was unveiled by Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien on 4 August 1930.