



**Private Alexander Garland, Number 5171 of The King's (*Liverpool Regiment*) is buried in Borough Cemetery, St. Helen's, in the County of Lancashire, north-west England – Grave reference 34. RC. 712.**

The occupation of Alexander Garland prior to his military service is recorded as that of a steward on a boat – likely a trans-Atlantic liner plying a route between Great Britain and North America. The British port was probably Liverpool as that is where he was to enlist into The King's (*Liverpool Regiment*), 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

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The date of his enlistment is unfortunately apparently un-recorded so it may be that he was posted directly to the 3/8<sup>th</sup> Battalion which was recruited in 1915 as a reserve unit. The 1/8<sup>th</sup> battalion went to France in May of 1915, the 2/8<sup>th</sup> not until February of 1917; the 3/8<sup>th</sup> was absorbed into the 3/7<sup>th</sup> in September of 1916 and was thus never to serve on the Continent as a separate entity.

It also seems doubtful whether Private Garland served on the Continent either: there is no medal index card in his name on file which there would be had he even gone overseas (from the United Kingdom); nor is there any note of *active service* to be found.

And Private Garland had psychiatric problems as well. In Preston, on June 26 of 1916, he was discharged from the regiment on the grounds of insanity.

Born in Newfoundland, the son of Samuel and Margaret Garland (née *Dodds(?)*) later of 68, Piggott Road, Medford, Massachusetts, U.S.A., he was also brother to Ida M., to Kenneth, to Phyllis and to George (from the *1910 United States Census*).

Alexander Garland was reported as having passed away on January 1 of 1919 at the Rainhill Asylum, Merseyside.

He died at the age of twenty-eight years.

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