<u>Private Charles Henry Kirton</u> 48735 The King's (Liverpool Regiment) died on 03/05/1917. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.



Pte. C. H. Kirton, the King's (Liverpool) Regiment, son of Mr Geo Kirton, builder, Osberton Road, Retford, has not been heard of by his friends for some time. He joined the Army on April 7<sup>th</sup> 1916, and went to France on September 12<sup>th</sup> the same year. He is a single man aged 37 years, and prior to joining the colours was employed at Messrs Ashworth's works Bolham. His sister, Mrs Holdsworth has received the following letter from Lieutenant Ellis:-"In reply to yours of Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, I am sorry to inform you that your brother, Pte Kirton, has been missing since May 3<sup>rd</sup>, on which date the battalion was engaged in severe fighting. However, I am glad to be able to tell you that we have no evidence to show that he was even wounded, so there is reason to hope that he may be a prisoner. Should we receive any further information we will at once communicate with you. I sincerely hope things will turn out for the best, as your brother was liked and respected by all ranks."