

PRESTON PALS

The raising of the Preston 'Pals' was the idea of Mr Cyril Cartmell, son of the Mayor of Preston, Councillor (later Sir) Harry Cartmell. On 31 August 1914, Cyril Cartmell placed the following advertisement in *The Lancashire Daily Post*:

It is proposed to form a Company of young businessmen, clerks, etc. to be drawn from Preston and the surrounding districts, and be attached, if practicable, to a battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Will those who would like to join apply here any afternoon or evening this week – the earlier the better.

Town Hall, Preston. Cyril Cartmell 31st August, 1914

Within two days, the 'Preston Business-men and Clerks' Company' of the 7th (Service) Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment was formed from 250 local men who had volunteered for military service. On Monday 7 September 1914, the 'Pals' paraded before an enthusiastic and patriotic crowd in the Market Place before marching along Fishergate to the railway station and leaving the town for their training in Tidworth in Wiltshire, before embarkation for France.

The Preston 'Pals' were engaged in the Somme battle for most of July 1916, and on 23 July 1916 they attacked the German Front Line Trench from Bazentin-le-Petit, and 200 men were killed with only 50 withdrawing to the British front line.

In Preston Guild Year a permanent Memorial to the Preston Pals will be erected on Preston Railway station from where they departed for the Great War, the majority of whom, never returned.

Please give generously towards the cost of the **Preston Pals War Memorial**, either by donating online or completing the form below and returning with your payment to the address as shown. Thank you.

Andrew Mather, Chairman
Preston Pals War Memorial Trust

I enclose a cheque as my donation of: £10.00 £20.00 £50.00 other

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My donation to the Preston Pals War Memorial will entitle me to be named as a subscriber in the commemorative book to be published in 2012

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c/o John Stirrup, Treasurer. James Todd & Co, Greenbank House,
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