4a Lance Corporal William Arthur Leaker (Service No: 4750529) d 25/05/1941 Age: 23

Regiment/Service: 2nd Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment

Memorial: ATHENS MEMORIAL Panel Reference: Face 7.

Additional Information: Son of Alban St. Clair Leaker and Mary Ann Leaker; husband of Sarah Elizabeth Gamble Leaker, of Portstewart, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

The fact that William Leaker is commemorated in Athens suggests that he has no known grave.

The Battle of Crete began with the German invasion of 20th May 1941, and was effectively over by 1st June 1941. Wikipedia has an accessible history, though doubtless its accuracy can be challenged.[1]

Lance Corporal Leaker's regiment was responsible for defending Heraklion airfield. According to Wikipedia, the German parachute landings here were largely unsuccessful and led to many deaths.[2][3] Instead, the German troops tried to encircle the airfield with troops who had landed elsewhere.

See also March 22nd 1935 After Open Competition Clerical Class … William Arthur Leaker
https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/34148/page/2341/data.pdf

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Crete
[2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_Battalion,_York_and_Lancaster_Regiment#Battle_of_Crete
[3] http://www.my-crete-site.co.uk/york_lancs.htm