

## Albert Edward Atkinson

Albert Edward Atkinson was born in Lindale in the second quarter of 1894 and registered at Ulverston (8c 757) He was brought up in Lindale by his grandparents, William Clarkson Atkinson (baptised in Cartmel 10 December 1837, parents John and Isabella) and Mary Agnes (nee Dickinson) and his mother Jane, who was baptised on July 9<sup>th</sup> 1866 at Dalton in Furness. Living at Mill Dane Cottage in Lindale, by 1911 Albert Edward was working as a Plasterer's Apprentice and his grandfather as the Parish Clerk.

In the final quarter of 1914 Albert Edward married Gertrude Elizabeth Robinson. The marriage was registered at Ulverston. (8e 1343) The couple had three sons, Norman (1914) Bernard (1916) and Albert (1918).

Albert Edward enlisted in Ulverston with the King's Own Lancashire Regiment 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was initially Corporal Albert Edward Atkinson 3126 but later fought with the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers as Corporal Edward Albert Atkinson 235358. He was killed in action on September 30<sup>th</sup> 1918. He was 24 years old. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, near Harcourt, Pas de Calais, France.

Albert Edward Atkinson is remembered on both the Grange over Sands war memorial and the Lindale War Memorial.

He left a widow and three sons. In the edition of the Westmorland Gazette published on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1919, his widow, by now living at Greenbank House, Grange over Sands, put the following -

'Atkinson -

In loving remembrance of my dear husband, Corpl. A. E. Atkinson who was killed in action on September 30<sup>th</sup> 1919

A devoted husband, a faithful friend.

One of the best that God could lend.

He bravely answered duty's call

His life he gave for one and all.

But the unknown grave is the bitterest blow

None but an aching heart can know.

Sadly missed by his wife and children.'

Albert Edward's second son Bernard Stainton Atkinson was to die in war as well. He lost his life on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1944 at Rhenen, near Arnhem while serving with the Border Regiment.

