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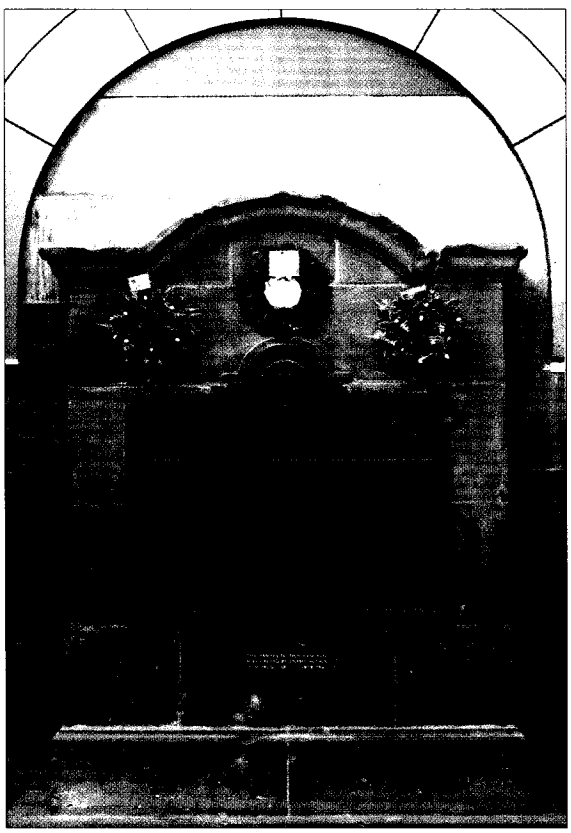
THE FURNESS RAILWAY

THE COMPANY'S WAR Memorial is located at Barrow-in-Furness railway station. 68 names are commemorated. A total of 515 employees of the Furness Railway signed up for military service during the Great War. The memorial was unveiled by Victor Christian William Cavendish, 9th Duke of Devonshire KG GCMG GCVO, on 16 October 1921, and dedicated by Mr F J Ramsden MA JP (Chairman of the Company and Diocesan Lay Reader).

The War Memorial Tablet at Barrow Central station was damaged when the station was destroyed during the bombing of Barrow-in-Furness in May 1941, during World War II. The Memorial survives, bearing its scars, in the booking hall of the station as rebuilt about 1960.

Note: unfortunately it has not proved possible to find documentary evidence of the working roles and locations of most of the men from the Furness Railway.



The Furness Railway war memorial at Barrow-in-Furness station

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Sapper JOHN CHARLES ARMSTRONG
No. WR/296458 **(Shunter)**
Royal Engineers, 107th Railway Operating Company
Died: 11 November 1918, aged 26; buried at Ulverston Cemetery.
Husband of Lily Armstrong, of 60 Mount Pleasant, Barrow-in-Furness.

Corporal FRED BAXTER No. 3659 **(Labourer)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 8 January 1917, aged 27; buried at the Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne, France; commemorated on Ulverston War Memorial.
Son of John and Alice Baxter of 111 Still Street, Ulverston, Lancashire.

Private ERNEST M BECK No. 384 **(Painter)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 5th Battalion
Died: 27 April 1915; buried at the Old Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium.

Private GEORGE BELL No. 24478 **(Labourer)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st Battalion
Died: 2 September 1918; commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, near Arras, France, also on the Ulverston War Memorial, Lancashire.

Private WILLIAM BENSON No. 8531
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st Battalion
Died: 3 March 1915; buried at St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France; commemorated on the Flookburgh War Memorial, near Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire.

Private A. BLAIR No. 3024 **(Bricklayer)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 5th Battalion
Died: 27 March 1916; buried at Ulverston Cemetery, Lancashire.

Private J. BRAITHWAITE **(Labourer)**
Royal Defence Corps
Commemorated on the Silverdale War Memorial.



Lance-Sergeant MATTHEW CADDY
No. 200124 **(Labourer)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 23 December 1916, aged 21; commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.
Son of James and Jane Caddy, of 18 Burlington Street, Ulverston, Lancashire.

Private ARTHUR CHADWICK No. 1925 (Labourer)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion, "A" Company
Died: 19 July 1915, aged 23; buried at the Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, near Armentieres, France.
Son of James and Annie Chadwick, of 3 Dragley Beck, Ulverston, Lancashire.

Private J. J. CLARK No. 241312
(Clerk, Whitehaven Goods)
Border Regiment, 1st/5th Battalion
Died: 21 March 1918, aged 24; commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, near Albert, France.

Private ALEXANDER CLOSE No. 24009/248738
(Clerk, Barrow Central station)
Border Regiment (Labour Corps), transferred to Western Command Labour Centre
Died: 9 March 1918, aged 26; buried at St. Michael's Churchyard Extension, Bootle, Cumberland.
Son of Edmund and Mary Close, of Cross House, Bootle, husband of Elizabeth Ann Close, of 7 Railway Terrace, Seascale, Cumberland.

Private WILLIAM COWAN No. 22058
Border Regiment, 1st Battalion
Died: 5 May 1917, aged 24; buried at Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France.
Son of R H and Elizabeth Cowan, of Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumberland.

Private JOHN DAWSON No. 61219
Manchester Regiment, 18th Battalion
Died: 14 December 1917; name commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, near Ypres, Belgium, also on the Dalton-in-Furness War Memorial, Lancashire.

Private JAMES INGLIS DENT No. 51427 (Painter)
Manchester Regiment, 1st/5th Battalion
Died: 28 March 1918, aged 28; buried at the Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, near Doullen, France; commemorated on Whitehaven Roll of Honour.
Son of John and Hannah Dent, of 32 Ravenswharf Road, Scout Hill, Dewsbury. Native of Whitehaven, Cumberland, lived at 87 Duke Street.

Rifleman ALBERT DIXON No. 49996 (Cleaner)
South Lancashire Regiment, 1st/5th Battalion
Died: 30 November 1917; commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, near Bapaume, France.

Rifleman THOMAS DODDS No. R/13969 (Clerk)
King's Royal Rifle Corps, 10th Battalion
Died: 21 March 1916, aged 21; buried at the New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, near Ypres, Belgium.
Son of Thomas and Margaret Jane Dodds, of Barrow-in-Furness.

Lance-Corporal JOSEPH WARD DONALDSON
No. 13535 **(Fitter)**
Border Regiment, 8th Battalion
Died: 1 October 1915, aged 23; buried at the Lancashire Cottage Cemetery, near Ypres, Belgium; commemorated on Whitehaven Roll of Honour.
Son of Robert Henry and Jane Hewitt Donaldson, of Granby House, Whitehaven, Cumberland.

Private THOMAS EBDELL No. 49552 (Moulder)
South Wales Borderers, 5th Battalion, "B" Company
Died: 8 November 1918, aged 19; buried at the Military Cemetery, Etaples, France.
Son of Herbert Edwin and Ellen Ebdell, of Barrow-in-Furness.

Private EDWARD FISHER No. 1946 (Labourer)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 27 May 1915, aged 24; buried at Rue-de Bois Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, near Armentieres, France; commemorated on Ulverston War Memorial.
Native of Ulverston; husband of Margaret Ann Fisher, of 11 St. James's Road, Blackburn, Lancashire.

Private ROBERT GARNETT No. 1057
(Porter, Barrow Goods)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 15 June 1915, aged 25; commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, near Armentieres, France, also on the Ulverston War Memorial, Lancashire.

Lance-Corporal JAMES GASKARTH
No. 201028 **(Painter)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 8th Battalion
Died: 30 April 1917, aged 26; commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France.
Son of Joseph and Grace Gaskarth, of Park View, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire.

Private JOHN EDWARD GILL No. 1524
(Apprentice Wagon Builder)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 8 August 1916; commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, near Bapaume, France, also on the Dalton-in-Furness War Memorial.

Lance-Corporal WILLIAM G HALL
No. 1998 **(Ticket Collector)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st Battalion, "C" Company
Died: 23 May 1915, aged 20; commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.
Son of George and Esther Hall, of 8 Three Bridges, Ulverston, Lancashire. A reservist called up at outbreak of war.

Private T. G. HARRISON No. 16058 (Porter)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 8th Battalion
Died: 15 July 1916; buried at Carnoy Military Cemetery, near Albert, France.

Lance-Sergeant WILLIAM STEELE INMAN
No. 1716 **(Warehouseman)**
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 4th Battalion, "A" Company
Died: 31 July 1916, aged 22; buried at Flatiron Copse Cemetery, near Albert, France.
Son of Mr and Mrs Inman, of 8 Dragley Beck, Ulverston, Lancashire.

Private JOSEPH WILLIAM IRELAND No. 200806 (Clerk)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 8 August 1916; commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, near Bapaume, France.

Gunner GEORGE BRAITHWAITE IRVING No. 62426 (Clerk, Lindal station)
Royal Garrison Artillery, 178th Siege Battery
Died: 10 December 1917, aged 26; buried at the Military Cemetery, Etaples, south of Boulogne, France.
Son of Robert and Agnes Irving. Native of Bootle, Cumberland.

Private CLAUDE SHARP JACKSON No. 513238 (Coach Builder)
London Regiment (London Scottish), 2nd/4th Battalion
Died: 30 April 1918, aged 23; buried at the Jerusalem War Cemetery, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Israel.
Son of Robert and Janet Jackson, of 183 Greengate Street, Barrow-in-Furness. Born at Little Urswick, Ulverston, Lancashire.

Private T. B. JACKSON (Platelayer)
Royal Border Regiment, 10th Battalion

Private FREDERICK KENDALL No. 33951 (Painter)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/5th Battalion
Died: 30 November 1917; commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, near Bapaume, France.
Husband of Sarah Jane Kendall, of 10 Hood Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

Rifleman L. LEAD No. S/2785 (Porter)
Rifle Brigade, 8th Battalion
Died: 18 August 1916, aged 24; buried at the Communal Cemetery Extension, Dernancourt, near Albert, France.
Son of Frederick William and Elizabeth Lead, of 110 Gloucester Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

Corporal N. LEWIS (Labourer)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion

Lance-Bombardier FREDERICK CHARLES MACKERETH No. 7221 (Porter)
Royal Garrison Artillery, 224th Siege Battery
Died: 22 March 1918, aged 21; buried at Grevilliers British Cemetery, near Bapaume, France
Son of James and Sarah Mackereth, of The Crown Inn, Flookburgh, Cark-in-Cartmel, Lancashire.

Pioneer WILLIAM J MACKERETH No. 349993 (Signal Cleaner, Barrow)
Royal Engineers
Died: 1 November 1918, aged 19; buried at Holy Trinity Churchyard, Millom.
Son of Mrs E E Mackereth, of 41 Newton Street, Millom, Cumberland.

Private WILLIAM McLINDEN No. 9486 (Labourer)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st Battalion
Died: 12 November 1914, aged 24; commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Berks Cemetery Extension, near Ypres, Belgium.
Son of Wilson and Annie McLinden, of 48 Collingwood Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

Private JAMES McSHERRY No. 203580
Border Regiment, 2nd/4th Battalion
Died: 13 July 1918; buried at Peshawar, commemorated on the India Gate Memorial, Delhi, India. Lived at 13 Nicholson Lane, Whitehaven, Cumberland.

Private RICHARD H. A. MORETON No. 33972 (Clerk, Goods Manager's Office, Barrow)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 9 April 1918, aged 20; buried at Vieille-Chapelle New Military Cemetery, Lacouture, near Bethune, France.
Son of John and Annie Moreton of 1 Dryden Street, Barrow-in-Furness. Born at Bowness-on-Windermere.

Rifleman HARRY MOSSOP No. R/15365 (Machineman)
King's Royal Rifle Corps, 11th Battalion
Died: 8 July 1916, aged 20; buried at the Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery, near Ypres, Belgium.
Son of Harry and Ann Mossop, of 3 Lord Street, Barrow-in-Furness. Native of Egremont, Cumberland.

Sapper EDWIN MYLREA No. WR/310412 (Labourer)
Royal Engineers, Inland Water Transport
Died: 4 March 1918, aged 32; buried at Kirk German New Cemetery, near Peel, Isle of Man.
Son of William and Margaret Mylrea, of 11 Circular Road, Peel, Isle of Man.

Lance-Corporal EDWARD NEVINSON No. 1279 (Labourer)
The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, 1st Battalion
Died: 25 September 1915; commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Dud Corner Cemetery, Lens, France, also on the Ulverston War Memorial, Lancashire.

Private JOHN NICHOLSON No. 47426 (Platelayer)
South Lancashire Regiment, 4th Battalion
Died of pneumonia: 5 August 1918, aged 18; buried at Sts. Mary and Bega Priory Churchyard, St. Bees, Cumberland.
Son of Joseph and Jane Nicholson, of 10 Finkle Street, St. Bees, Cumberland.

Private J. S. NIXON No. 301042 (Fireman)
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 1st/5th Battalion
Died: 8 November 1917; buried at Gaza War Cemetery, Palestine; commemorated on Whitehaven Roll of Honour.
Son of Mrs R Nixon, of 68 West Walpole Street, South Shields, County Durham; lived at 7 Marlborough Street, Whitehaven, Cumberland.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class THOMAS RICHARD PARK No. 104534 (Clerk)
Royal Air Force, 148th Squadron
Died: 3 May 1918, aged 19; buried at Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, near Bethune, France.
Son of George and Jane Park, of 104 Duddon Road, Askam-in-Furness, Lancashire.

Private ALBERT PAWLEY No. 40322 (Labourer)
Cheshire Regiment, 16th Battalion
Died: 31 October 1917, aged 19; buried at the City Cemetery, Ghent, Belgium.
Son of Mr and Mrs H Pawley, of 5A Egerton Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness.

Gunner WILLIAM PENNINGTON No. 79644
(Clerk, Superintendent's Dept. Barrow)
Royal Garrison Artillery, 23rd Battery
Died: 10 August 1917, aged 28; buried at Outtersteene Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul, France.
Son of William and Ellen Pennington of Barrow-in-Furness; husband of Maggie Pennington, of Beach Mount, Roosebeck, Ulverston, Lancashire.

Corporal JOHN EDMUND SEDGWICK POSTLETHWAITE No. 201677 (Driller)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 31 July 1917, aged 27; commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium, and on the Dalton-in-Furness War Memorial, Lancashire.
Son of Roben Walter and Mary Postlethwaite.

Lance-Sergeant JOHN HENRY PRICKETT No. 13420
(Clerk, General Manager's Dept., Barrow)
Border Regiment, 11th Battalion
Died: 18 November 1916, aged 24; buried at Serre Road Cemetery No. 1, south of Arras, France.
Son of Mrs. A. Prickett, of 11 Glasgow Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

Sapper T. G. RAWLINSON No. 59682
(Joiner, Barrow)
Royal Engineers, 70th Field Company
Died: 1 July 1918, aged 30; buried at Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery, Albert, France.
Son of John and Emma Rawlinson, of Yealand Conyers, Carnforth, Lancashire.

Bombardier J. ROUND No. 86299 (Fireman)
Royal Field Artillery, "A" Battery, 86th Army Brigade.
Died: 22 October 1917, aged 23; buried at The Huts Cemetery, near Ypres, Belgium.
Son of James Henry and Eliza Round, of 14 Newton, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire. Native of Barrow-in-Furness.

Lance-Corporal GEORGE SEDGWICK No. 30115
(Clerk)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 8th Battalion
Died: 16 June 1917, aged 24; commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France, also on the Grange-over-Sands War Memorial.
Son of William and Hannah Sedgwick, of Yew Tree Farm, Cart Lane, Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire; husband of Mrs E. E. Sedgwick.

Private HARRY SHIMMIN No. S/11515
(Number Taker)
Seaforth Highlanders, 2nd Battalion
Died: 14 October 1916, aged 20; commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, near Bapaume, France and on Whitehaven Roll of Honour.
Son of Mr and Mrs Philip Shimmin, of 21 Senhouse Street, Whitehaven, Cumberland.

Second Lieutenant NORMAN HELE SISTERSON
Northumberland Fusiliers,12th/13th Battalion, transferred to Queens Regiment, 3rd/4th Battalion; attached to Lincolnshire Regiment, 12th/13th Battalion
Died: 14 April 1918, aged 23; commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, near Ypres, Belgium.
Native of Dulwich, London

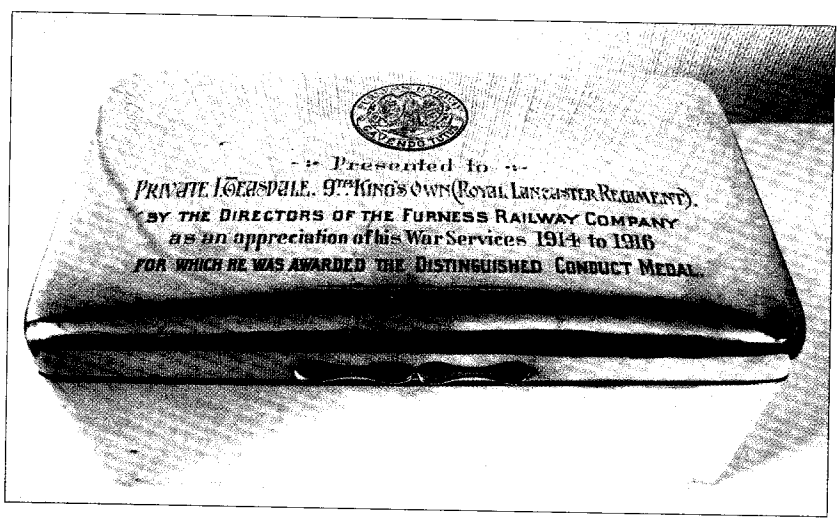
Yeoman of Signals JAMES SMEETON No. 130622 (Bridgeman)
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Research"
Died: 15 January 1918, aged 49; buried at the Royal Naval Cemetery, Portland, near Weymouth, Dorset.
Husband of Ada Smeeton (later Hallett, of 20 Mallams, Portland). Born at Derby.

Private WILLIAM SYKES No. 2066 (Clerk)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion, "A" Company
Died: 15 June 1915, aged 22; commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Le Touret Military Cemetery, near Bethune, France
Son of David and Elizabeth Sykes of Marshside, Kirkby-in-Furness, Lancs

Company Quartermaster Sergeant JESSE TAYLOR M.M. No. 9516/18734 (Shunter)
Kings Own (Royal Lancaster) Regiment, 1st Battalion; transferred to Machine Gun Corps, 12th Company)
Died: 1 July 1916, aged 29; buried at the Military Cemetery, Bertrancourt, near Arras, France.
Husband of Jennie Taylor, of 96 Kent Street, Barrow-in-Furness; native of Barrow-in-Furness.

Lance-Corporal ISAAC TEASDALE D.C.M. No. 6809 (Platelayer, Park)
Border Regiment, 1st Battalion
Died: 21 August 1915; commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

Private R. TOWNSON (Clerk, Foxfield)
Seaforth Highlanders, 8th Battalion



Silver box awarded to Isaac Teasdale by the Furness Railway. Note that the regiment in the inscription is not correct - he served with the Border Regiment

Courtesy of the Border Regiment Museum

Private FRANK TUGMAN Nos. 33996/501898
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), transferred to Labour Corps
Died: 21 January 1919; buried in Barrow-in-Furness Cemetery
Son of William and Sarah E Tugman, of 61 Marsh Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

Guardsman W. TYSON No. 3124 (Platelayer, Foxfield)
Life Guards, 2nd Battalion
Died: 28 December 1916; buried at the Military Cemetery, Valennes, near Albert, France.
Son of George and Elizabeth Tyson, of Wells Cottage, Ravenglass, Cumberland.

Private JAMES WALKDEN No. 16692 (Boiler Washer)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 2nd Battalion
Died: 21 November 1916, aged 30; buried at the Military Cemetery, Lahana, Greece.
Husband of Mary Walkden, of 26 Hill Street, Carnforth, Lancashire.

Lieutenant GEORGE HENRY WALKER (Engineer's Pupil)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 4th Battalion
Died: 16 June 1915, aged 20; commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Le Touret Military Cemetery, near Bethune, France, also on Barrow-in-Furness War Memorial.
Son of George and S A Walker, of 22 Westbourne Road, Birkdale, Lancashire; gazetted June 1913.

Corporal JONAH MAWSON WALKER No. 93993 (Clerk)
Royal Welsh Fusiliers, "A" Company, 14th Battalion
Died: 4 November 1918, aged 21; buried Englefontaine British Cemetery, Englefontaine, France.
Son of Albert and Mary A Walker, of 17 Church Walk, Ulverston, Lancashire.

Private RICHARD WALKER No. 1835 (Labourer)
Manchester Regiment, 1st/7th Battalion
Died: 4 June 1915, aged 19; commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.
Son of John E and Florence Walker, of 33 Caton Street, Hulme, Manchester.

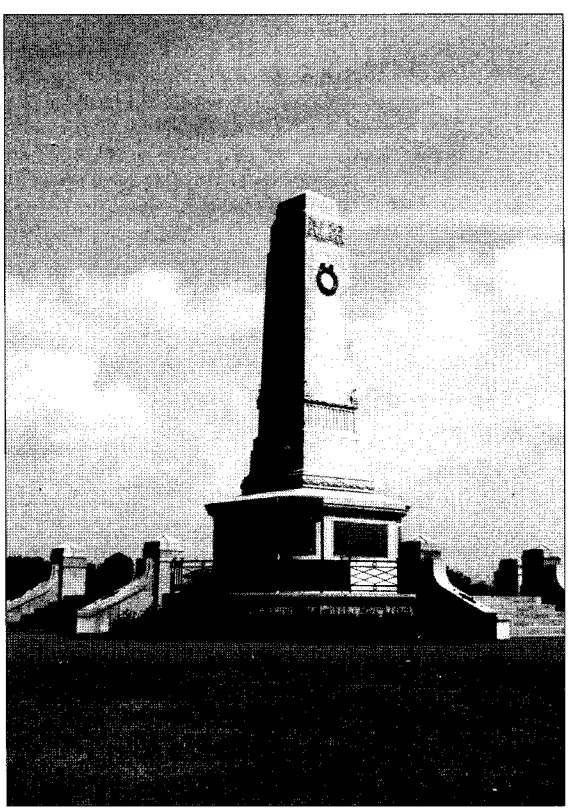
Private T. WEARING (Warehouseman)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 4th Battalion

Private H. WOODS No. 18596 (Apprentice Boilermaker)
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st Battalion
Died: 9 April 1917; buried at Mindel Trench British Cemetery, St. Laurent-Blangy, Arras, France; commemorated on the Barrow-in-Furness War Memorial.

Corporal JOHN THOMAS WOOF No. 201107 (Porter)
Essex Regiment, 4th Battalion "D" Company; had transferred from Bedfordshire Regiment (3rd Territorial Battalion)
Died: 27 March 1917, aged 19; commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem.
Son of James and Mary Ann Woof, of Railway Cottage, Sandside, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.

Private W. WOOFF No. 1890
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion
Died: 19 July 1916; buried at St Hilaire Cemetery, Frevent, west of Arras, France.

Gunner JOSEPH YEOWART No. 28337 (Clerk, Drigg station)
Grenadier Guards, 2nd Battalion
Died: 20 October 1918, aged 22; buried St Vaast Communal Cemetery Extension, east of Cambrai, France.
Son of John and Annie Yeowart of Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumberland.



The war memorial in Central Park, Barrow-in-Furness

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