

1 William Winterbottom d 4th December 1928

The *Barrow News* 6 Dec 1928 carried the notice in the *Deaths* column:

WINTERBOTTOM On the 4th inst. at 16, Dundee-street, Barrow, William Winterbottom, aged 66 years. Cortege will leave above address at 2 p.m. on Saturday next for Walney Church. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.



ERECTED BY HIS FRIENDS
AND WORKMEN OF THE G.M.D.
OF VICKERS, ARMSTRONG, L^{TD}
BARROW
IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM WINTERBOTTOM
DIED DEC 4TH 1928,
AGED 66 YEARS

The *News* 10 Dec 1928 carried an account of the funeral:

LATE MR. W. WINTERBOTTOM

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT WALNEY FUNERAL

The funeral took place at Walney Churchyard on Saturday of Mr. William Winterbottom, head foreman on night duty in the gun-mounting department (machines) at Vickers-Armstrongs, Barrow. Deceased, who was 66, died on the previous Tuesday after a few days' illness. He came to Barrow from Coventry in 1911 as assistant foreman, but was soon appointed head foreman in the new howitzer shop and the new shell-shop in Ferry-road. Finally he was made head foreman on night duty, which position he held up to the time of his death. Deceased was exceptionally clever in his craft, and his personality was one of extreme kindness and urbanity. He was actively associated with the Old Barrow Conservative Club, the North Shore Club, and the Vickerstown Institute, all of which he was a member. Deceased was of a generous nature, and any deserving object brought before his notice received his practical assistance.

The large gathering of people attending the funeral which was composed of 300 workmen, in addition to many of the general public, testified to his great popularity and the esteem and regard in which he was held.

The principal mourners were Mr. Tom Winterbottom, Mr. A. Winterbottom (brothers), Mrs. A. Davies (sister), all of Manchester; Mr. Tilley, Wolverton (brother-in-law); Mrs. Symonds, Capt. Ashcroft, Mr. Astor, Mr. Freeman, Mr. J. Read, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilf. Armer. Amongst those present were: Messrs. J. W. Guthrie (manager, Vickers-Armstrong), H. Levett (O.D.H.), Dawson (O.D.M.), H. Levett (O.D.H.) (*sic*), Bramham (head foreman O.D.M.), Lyle (O.D.M.), Rodgers, Henderson, Jackson (No 1 Bay O.D.M.), W. Traverse (engine dept.), Gilbert, engineer (Duke-street), W. Postles (O.D.M.), Tom Wheeler, Rodgers, Lawrie (O.D.E.), Johnson Moir (O.D.E.) and representatives from other departments in the works, together with representatives from the various clubs. There were over 50 wreaths and floral tributes from relatives and friends, one of which was ordered by cablegram from New York by his son, who is with the Marconi Radio Co. there.

If anyone knows what departments are O.D.H.; O.D.M.; and O.D.E. please let me know at rodwhite@hotmail.com