



*Barrow News 30 November 1918* had a brief column:

#### ULVERSTON ARTILLERY MAN'S DEATH

Much public sympathy is expressed with Coun. R. Dilworth and Mrs. Dilworth, of Dalesgarth, Kilner Park, Ulverston, in the heavy blow they have sustained by the death of their only son, Richard Oswald Dilworth, who, on Monday afternoon, after a week's illness, succumbed to pneumonia, following influenza, at the Portland House Nursing Home at Birmingham, at the age of 28 years. The deceased, who was a particularly bright and promising young fellow, highly popular with all his comrades, and with fine business prospects, joined the Hon. Artillery Co. in August, 1914, and went to France in the same year, taking part in many important battles. He remained at the front till May, 1917, when he was invalided home suffering severely from gas poisoning and shell shock. He was under treatment for twelve months at the Military Hospital at Aberdeen, where for six months he had charge of the laboratory. He was finally discharged as medically unfit in May, 1918, just as he was on the point of obtaining his commission. He was an old boy of the Victoria Grammar School, and on leaving there went to Birmingham University, where he took his diploma in brewing. From there he went to gain experience with Messrs Nalder and Collyers, of Croydon, and thence to Chiswick to Messrs. Fuller, Smith and Turner's. He had been home for the last six months, and was on a week-end visit to Birmingham when he was attacked with the malady which ended in his death. The sadness of the occurrence is accentuated by the circumstance that he was engaged to be married. – The funeral took place very quietly at Ulverston Cemetery yesterday morning.



#### From the Honourable Artillery Co. website

- Born on 4th February 1890 in Ulverston, Lancashire
  - Baptised on 5th March 1890
  - Attended Ulverston Victoria Grammar School
  - Shown as a 21 year old student in 1911 census, lodging in the Adams household in Frimley Green, Surrey
- Admitted in to the HAC on 26th August 1914
  - 5ft 11 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes
  - Went overseas on 26th December 1914
  - Poisoned by gas
  - Left France on 29th April 1917
  - Admitted into Scottish Central Hospital, Aberdeen on 1st May 1917 suffering from mitral incompetence and enlarged heart
  - Discharged from the Army on 8th April 1918 as permanently unfit for duty of any kind
  - Occupation given as Analyst (Analytical?) Chemist
  - Died in hospital at Portland House, Edgbaston, Warwickshire on 25th November 1918
  - Son of Richard and Eleanor Louisa Dilworth, of Dalegarth, Ulverston, Lancashire (now Cumbria). Mother not shown on CWGC database. Father was a wine and spirit merchant (per 1901 census).
  - Brother of Louisa Mary (b.c. 1889) and Marjorie Noble (b.c. 1896)<sup>1</sup>

#### His parents married at Poulton-le-Sands:

Marriage: 18 Aug 1887 Holy Trinity, Poulton le Sands, Lancashire, England

Richard Dilworth - 26 Traveller Bachelor of Ulverston

Eleanor Louisa Bell - 28 Spinster of Poulton-le-Sands

Groom's Father: William Dilworth, Dyer

Bride's Father: Richard Fell Bell, Ironmonger

Witness: Richard Fell Bell; Amelia Bell; Wm. Dyer; Mary Dilworth

Notes: [Groom's father deceased]

Register: Marriages 1887 - 1900, Page 1, Entry 2

[http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Poulton-le-Sands/holytrinity/marriages\\_1887-1900.html](http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Poulton-le-Sands/holytrinity/marriages_1887-1900.html)

<sup>1</sup> <http://hac1418.info/dilworth-richard-oswald/>