

Sergeant James Charnock 1st/4th King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment (1693) d 15 October 1915



Where is the grave?

At the western edge of the Cemetery, overlooking the railway cutting.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JAMES CHARNOCK

WHO DIED 9TH JANUARY 1913

AGED 58 YEARS

ALSO OF **CAROLINE**, WIFE OF THE ABOVE

WHO DIED 12TH OF DECEMBER 1917

AGED 57 YEARS

ALSO OF **SERGEANT JAMES CHARNOCK**

ONLY SON OF THE ABOVE

KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE OCT. 15TH 1915

AGED 22 YEARS

CWGC: Buried Aveluy Communal Cemetery Extension, Dept. Somme.

Barrow News 23 October 1915:

DALTON MAN KILLED

SERGEANT IN 1/4 KING'S OWN

It was with deep regret that Dalton people heard on Tuesday afternoon that Sergt. Charnock, of the 1/4 King's Own, had been killed in France last week. The news was conveyed to his mother, Mrs. Charnock, of Market-place, Dalton, in a letter from Lieut. Beardsley. He stated: 'It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the loss of your son, Sergeant J. Charnock. He was wounded early this morning (15th October), and died almost at once.'

'He was my platoon sergeant', added the officer, 'and was much liked and respected by all the platoon, and in fact, by the whole company. As far as his work was concerned he filled his position ably and well, giving great satisfaction by the way in which he carried out his duties. His death was a great blow to us all, and we extend to you and your daughters our sincerest sympathy in your great trouble.'

Sergt. Charnock was well-known in Dalton, and was very popular amongst all classes. The news of his death was received with the most intense regret, and great sympathy was expressed with (*sic*) Mrs. Charnock and other members of the family. It is just a little over a month since the sergeant was home on leave from the front.

Ancestry tells us that at the time of the **1911 Census** the family were living at 6a Rose Cottage, Market Place, Dalton. James Charnock (56), was a retired gold miner (*presumably in South Africa, where so many Daltonians went*); wife Caroline (50), had no recorded occupation; children Maud (20) was a dressmaker on her own account; James (18) was a solicitor's clerk; and Caroline (13) was at school. All were born in Dalton.

Earlier, in the **1901 Census**, the family were living at 7 Union Street Dalton. Father James was a working gold miner, and none of the others have recorded occupations, though probably Maud and James were at school.

James was baptised on 12 March 1893 in Dalton.