

Gunner Stanley Atkinson 3709740 Royal Artillery 56 (4th Bn. The King's Own Royal Regt. [Lancaster]) Anti-Tank Regt. d 2 May 1942 age 30



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RESTING
WHERE NO SHADOWS FALL
HE WILL NOT GROW OLD
AS OTHERS GROW OLD

At the foot is another stone:

In Loving Memory Of
**HELEN SHAND
(BELLA)**
1949 – 2013
A loving wife, mother
and nana

CWGC tells us that he was the son of Thomas and Ellen Atkinson, of Ulverston; husband of Doris Atkinson, of Ulverston.

Stanley Atkinson was born in Ulverston on 21 January 1912.

In the **1921 Census** living at 28 Tyson Square were Thomas K. (*sic – should be G*) Atkinson (37) Cupola Minder in Lonsdale Foundry, working for North Lonsdale Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.,

born Ulverston, Lancs; Eleanor Atkinson, (36) Home Duties, born Hawkshead, Lancs; John S. Atkinson (64) Married (but no wife listed), Basket Maker, working for Joseph Taylor Brush Factory at The Ellers, Ulverston, born Newton-in-Cartmel, Lancs; George B. Atkinson (14) Errand Boy, working for Frank C. Gendle, Butcher, 45 Market Street, Ulverston, born Ulverston; Lily M. Atkinson (12) Whole time school, born Ulverston; Stanley Atkinson (9) Whole time school, born Ulverston.

Stanley Atkinson married Doris Athersmith in Ulverston in Q4 1933. In the **1921 Census** the Athersmith family were living at 42 Quebec Street, Ulverston. Doris's father, Anthony Athersmith, was caretaker at the Palladium.

A family tree on Ancestry says that Stanley & Doris had two children: Irene Mona Atkinson (b 1934) and Thomas Edward Atkinson (b 1935).

In the **1939 Register** living at 28 Lund Terrace were Doris Atkinson (*crossed out Wright on remarriage in Q4 1945. The 1939 Register was still in use into the 1950s*) (DoB 17 June 1912) Unpaid Domestic Duties; Irene M. Atkinson (*crossed out Mayo on marriage*) DoB 4 April 1934) At school; Thomas E. Atkinson (DoB 4 March 1935) At school, followed by two redacted entries.

The *Barrow News 9 May 1942* had news of the funeral:

MR. S. ATKINSON, ULVERSTON.

The death occurred on Saturday of a well-known Ulverston young man, Mr. Stanley Atkinson, of 28, Lund-terrace, Ulverston. Thirty years of age, he was a well-known local footballer, playing for the Rovers F.C. and having had trials with Manchester City and other first class clubs. He served with the local Territorials eight years and saw service in France, being in the evacuation of Dunkirk, and was discharged from the Army about nine months ago. He leaves a widow and four children.

The interment took place in the Ulverston Cemetery on Thursday, the Rev. De Blogue, Archdeacon of Brazil (** see below*) officiating at a most impressive ceremony.

The mourners were Mrs. Atkinson, widow; Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, father and mother; Mr. and Mrs. A. Athersmith, father-in-law and mother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. B. Atkinson, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. T. Atkinson, brother; Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw, brothers-in-law and sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Athersmith, *There follows a long list of mourners.*

There were a large number of floral tributes including those from the Ulverston Sphinx A.F.C., Ulverston Rovers A.F.C., Schoolboy Pals, Tyson-square friends and neighbours.

Messrs. T. H. Cragild and Sons, of The Ellers, Ulverston, were the undertakers.

An interesting document on *Fold 3* on Ancestry, to which I have not got full access, suggests that Stanley Atkinson (with the right Service No.) was discharged on 7 November 1941, but only awarded the 1939 War Medal on 6 January 1986.

*Rev. De Blogue had an interesting life:

Oswald William Charles de Blogue, né Blogg was born in Islington, London, in 1874 and was educated at King's College London, being ordained Deacon in 1900 and Priest in 1901. He served as Chaplain to the Danubian Ports from 1905-07, and was in Rumania for three years during the riots during which he managed to prevent a sailor from being drowned in the Danube.

Commissioned as a Chaplain in the Royal Navy in 1907, he served in H.M.S. Acheron from 1907-09; H.M.S. Temeraire, 1909-10; H.M.S. Invincible 1910; H.M.S. Triumph 1911; and H.M.S. Actaeon 1912. Appointed Warden of the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, in 1912, he served as Chaplain of Rio de Janeiro and Archdeacon in Brazil 1914-15, before serving during the Great War as a Chaplain in the Royal Naval Division 1916-17, and then as Royal Navy Chaplain at Queenstown, 1917-18. Appointed Rector of Bishopstoke, Hampshire, in 1929, he served during the Second World War as a Chaplain of the Fleet Air Arm, 1940-41, and as Chaplain, Royal Air Force, 1944-45. Source: <https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/archive/special-collections/712/302527/?>