

As well as being the place of departure for the 53 soldiers from Bleasdale, Garstang Station would, most likely, be the first sign of home for the 39 who returned safely.

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One such soldier was Peter Barton Lord.



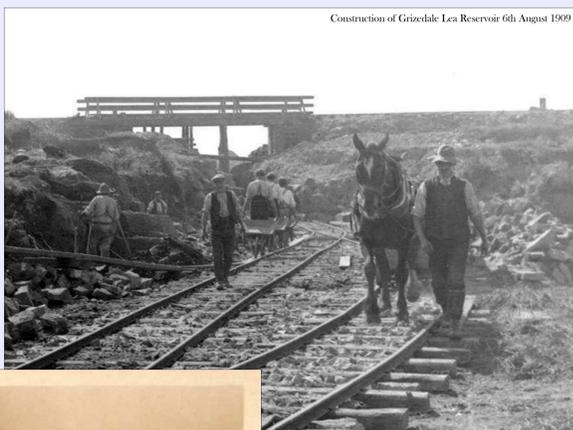
He was the eldest son of Walter and Catherine Lord and from the age of 12 he and his 6 brothers lived at Charity Farm, now known as Admarsh Farm, Bleasdale.

Admarsh Farm probably mid 20th century



Peter married Agnes Bullock, the daughter of the Postmaster, in 1907 at St Eadmer's Church and they had 2 children, Catherine Isobel and Frederick George. He worked as a labourer at Grizedale Lea Reservoir and worked with the horses on site.

Construction of Grizedale Lea Reservoir 6th August 1909



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Those who

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from the Great War

In 1915, whilst he was living at Long Row, Calder Vale, Peter answered

Kitchener's call to serve his country and enrolled on 11th January in Garstang. He joined the ASC - Army Service Corps - with the number T042161. The 'T' indicated that he worked with horses. He was demobilised on 21st May 1919.

Peter Barton Lord was awarded the British Victory Medal, issued to all those who received the 1914 or 1914/15 Star.



British Victory Medal



1914 - 15 Star

Peter Barton Lord

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53 men from the community of Bleasdale served their country during the Great War. Only 39 returned.

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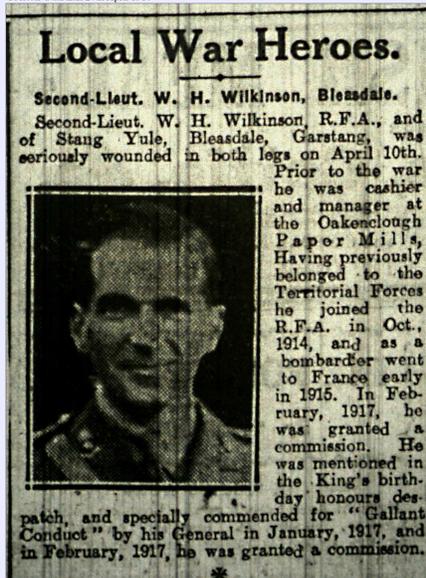
Many of those who returned had suffered minor injuries during the war but for some men, such as William Henry Wilkinson, they were life-changing.

He was born in 1886 in Preston, one of six children of John James Wilkinson and his wife Elizabeth.



Great War 1914 - 18 Memorial Plaque, Bleasdale Parish Hall

Preston Guardian 20th April 1918



William worked at the Oakenclough Paper Mill for six years and, as reported in the Preston Guardian, 20th April 1918, he was 'cashier and manager' before he enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery in October 1914. His bravery and leadership qualities, which are without question, led to him gaining a commission and he became an officer in early 1917. However he was severely wounded in both legs in 1918 and was still in Thornleigh Convalescent Home in Bolton in 1921, though his home address, as in 1918, was still Stang Yule, Bleasdale.

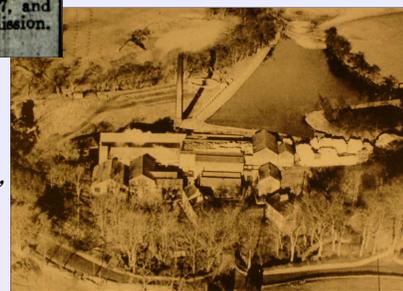
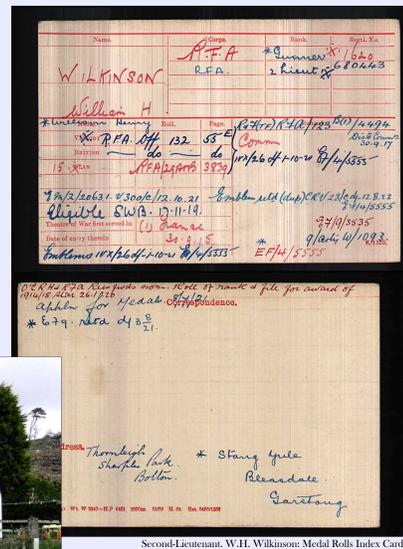


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William H. Wilkinson

Stang Yule, Bleasdale 2014



Second-Lieutenant, W.H. Wilkinson: Medal Rolls Index Card

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