

Lieutenant Ernest Edward Brown

Ernest Brown was born in early 1894 in Longnor Staffordshire. He was the fourth of seven children of Rev Albert Edward Brown and Lucy Jane Brown (nee Newman). At the time of his birth, his father was the vicar in Longnor and Ernest was baptised there on 18 February 1894.

His siblings were Albert Northall (born 1890), Wilfred (born 1893), Winifred (born 1893), Elsie Marshall (born 1896), Victoria Maud (born 1898) and Newland Roberts (born 1900)

The first census record for Ernest is in 1901, where he was living in The Vicarage, Longnor

3 ROAD, STREET, &c, and No. or NAME of HOUSE	4 HOUSES				7 Name and Surnames of each Person	8 RELATION to Head of Family	9 Sex	10 Age last Birthday of	11 PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	12 Employer, Worker, or Own account	13 If Working at Home	14 WHERE BORN
	1 In habited	2 Uninhabited	5 No. of Stores	6 No. of Flats								
<i>The Vicarage</i>	1				<i>Albert Edward Brown</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Clergyman (Church of England)</i>			<i>Staffordshire, Handsworth</i>
					<i>Lucy Jane Do.</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>36</i>				<i>Berk. Dorchester</i>
					<i>Albert Northall Do.</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Scholar</i>			<i>London, Crickland</i>
					<i>Wilfred Do.</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>8</i>				<i>Staffordshire, Longnor</i>
					<i>Winifred Do.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>8</i>				<i>Do. Do.</i>
					<i>Ernest Edward Do.</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>7</i>				<i>Do. Do.</i>
					<i>Elsie Marshall Do.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>5</i>				<i>Do. Do.</i>
					<i>Victoria Maud Do.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>3</i>				<i>Do. Do.</i>
					<i>Newland Roberts Do.</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>7mo</i>				<i>Do. Do.</i>
					<i>Harold Robinson</i>	<i>Governess</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Teacher Do.</i>			<i>Northamptonshire, Kettering</i>
					<i>Mary & Matilda Miller</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>General Servant (Domestic)</i>			<i>Staffordshire, Swamford</i>
					<i>Elizabeth Bealieu & Miller</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>General Servant (Domestic)</i>			<i>Staffordshire, Longnor</i>

By the time of the census in 1911, the family have moved to Stretton vicarage, near Stafford, where Rev Brown was the vicar and Ernest was recorded as a scholar.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards		NATURALIZATION of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
				Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected			
1. Alfred Edward Brown	Head	50	married	Organist (Cathedral Church)			English	
2. Lucy Jane Brown	Wife	46	married				English	
3. Wilfred Brown	Son	18	single	Architect (Engl.)	300	462	0	English
4. Winifred Brown	Daughter	15	single				0	English
5. Ernest Edward Brown	Son	17	single	Student	300		0	English
6. Mabel Herbert Brown	Son	10	single	School	290		0	English
7. Helene Bertha	Wife	19	single				0	Germany (Widow)
8. Martha Rachel Florence	Daughter	27	single	Cook (Domestic)	010		9	English
9. Elvan (Catharine)	Servant	17	single	Domestic (Domestic)				English

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge of this dwelling)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *A. E. Brown*
 Printed Address: *Stretton Vicarage, Stafford*

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Ernest initialled enlisted to the Army Service Corps as a Lieutenant and subsequently transferred to 1st battalion Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment). His first theatre of war was in France on 23 June 1915.

He was awarded the Victory Medal, British Medal, and 1915 Star Medal, the latter whilst he was serving in the ACS.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BROWN	ASC	X Lieut	
Ernest Edward	Wiltshire R.	* Lieut	
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY * WILTS R.	Off./1131	44.	Det. 8.5.16. Rmt. H/1
BRITISH 15 STAR * A.S.C.	Off./11	145.	
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	23.6.15		
	13.3.22.		NW/5/22957. K. 1380

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Ernest was killed in action on 8 May 1916 in France and Flanders. He is buried at Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, France.

Probate was granted on his estate on 03/02/1917, appointing his father as the executor. Ernest left an estate worth £265 2s 4d.

Probate Register

BROWN Ernest Edward of Alstonfield near Ashbourne
Staffordshire lieutenant 1st battalion Wiltshire regiment
died 9 May 1916 in France on active service Administra-
tion **London** 3 February to the reverend Albert Edward
Brown clerk. Effects £265 2s. 4d.

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Sadly, less than 2 months after his own death, Ernest's older brother, Wilfred, was killed on 3 July 1916 and is remembered at Thiepval Memorial, France.

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