## **Corporal Wilfred Brown**

Wilfred Brown was born in early 1892 in Longnor, Staffordshire. He had a twin sister, Winifred and they were the second and third 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 Wilfred was baptised there on 18 December 1892.

His siblings were Albert Northall (born 1890), Winifred (born 1893), Ernest Edward (born 1894), Elsie Marshall (born 1896), Victoria Maud (born 1898) and Newland Roberts (born 1900)

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

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By the time of the census in 1911, the family have moved to Stretton vicarage, near Stafford, where Rev Brown is the vicar. Wilfred is recorded as an Architect's pupil.

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Wilfred enlisted to the 8<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion, Gloucester Regiment. His first theatre of war was in the Balkans on 19 June 1915.

He was awarded the Victory Medal, British Medal and 1915 Star Medal, all for campaign services.

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Wilfred was killed in action on 3 July 1916 in France and Flanders.

He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, to the Missing of the Somme.

Sadly, less than 2 months before his own death, Wilfred's younger brother, Ernest, was killed on 8 May 1916 and is buried in Ecoivres Military Cemetery, France.

## Source of information

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