

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

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the Page 1

Administrative County of Stafford Civil Parish of Longnor Ecclesiastical Parish of Longnor County Borough Municipal Borough or Urban District of Longnor Ward of Municipal Borough or Urban District of Longnor Rural District of Stafford Parliamentary Borough or Division of Stafford Town or Village or Hamlet of Longnor

No. of House	ROAD, STREET, &c. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES				Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded
		Uninhabited	Partly Inhabited	Wholly Inhabited	Number of Persons in Family								
1	The Vicarage				1	Albert Edward Brown Head Lucy Jane Brown Wife Albert Northall Son Wilfred Son Winifred Daughter Ernest Edward Son Elsie Marshall Daughter Victoria Maud Daughter Newland Roberts Son Maud Robinson Granddaughter Mary & Nellie Mother	Head Wife Son Son Daughter Son Daughter Daughter Son Granddaughter Granddaughter	50 36 11 8 8 7 5 3 2 1/2 15	Clerk (Church of England) Scholar Scholar Scholar Scholar General General			Staffordshire, Stafford Lancashire, Bolton London, Beckenham Staffordshire, Longnor Lancashire, Bolton Lancashire, Bolton Lancashire, Bolton Lancashire, Bolton Lancashire, Bolton Lancashire, Bolton Lancashire, Bolton Lancashire, Bolton	

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.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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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, or 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	SEX and AGE	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged 16 years and upwards	EDUCATION of every person	NATIONALITY of every person	INFERMITY
1. Albert Edward Brown	Head	50	Married	Clergyman (Retired Vicar)		Staffordshire, Stafford	
2. Lucy Jane Brown	Wife	40	Married			Lancashire, Bolton	
3. Wilfred Brown	Son	18	Single	Architect's Pupil	590	Lancashire, Bolton	
4. Winifred Brown	Daughter	18	Single			Lancashire, Bolton	
5. Ernest Edward Brown	Son	17	Single			Lancashire, Bolton	
6. Maud Robinson	Granddaughter	10				Lancashire, Bolton	
7. Elsie Marshall	Daughter	14	Single			Lancashire, Bolton	
8. Victoria Maud	Daughter	17	Single	Cook (Domestic)	010	Lancashire, Bolton	
9. Newland Roberts	Son	17	Single			Lancashire, Bolton	

(To be filled up by the enumerator)

(To be filled up by an inhabitant of the Head of Family or other person in possession, or in charge of this dwelling)

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

Signature: A. Edward Brown
 Printed Address: Stretton Vicarage, Staff.

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Wilfred enlisted to the 8th 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.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
BROWN Wilfred x	GloUCE R - - -	L/Spl Cpl	10835 - - -
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
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BRITISH	-do-	-do.	
15 STAR	L/2 B 83		
Theatre of War first served in	Balkans		
Date of entry therein	19-6-15		

K. 1380.

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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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