

Military history

Enlisted Market Harborough

Leicestershire Reg. 7th Battalion

Arrived in France 28/02/1915

Final rank Private

Date of death 29/10/1917

Cause of death Killed in action

Died at age 20

Grave ref: Panles 50 to 51

Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke

West Vlaanderen, Belgium



Arthur Frederick Wilford

Born 1898

Died aged 20 Address 37

Heygate Street

Market Harborough

Youngest of 3 sons born to John and Ada Wilford.



All three sons lost their lives in WW1.

Like his brothers, Arthur worked in Symington's corset factory

From a letter to the family, from his commanding officer

"I would have written before but we have only just come away from the line and this is my first opportunity."

"We all knew him very well and loved him very much and I had no braver or more cheerful and willing soldier in my platoon.

"It will be some little consolation to you to know that he suffered absolutely no pain. We buried him near to the line."

His brother George died 3 months before him, Cecil died five months later.