

Joe Wilson

(1891-1916)



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Family History^{1,3,5}

Joe's parents were married in St Peter, Bolton on 7th June 1884. Father Ernest was born in Entwistle and mother Sarah in Tottington. In 1901 the family lived in Walsh Fold and in 1911 in Lees Cottages, Horrobin Mill, Turton; father Ernest being a 'Fireman Stationary Boiler Bleachworks Cotton' at the Mill, and Joe a 'Croft Hand Bleach Works'.

The family details were obtained from Census returns and BMD websites:

Father: Ernest Wilson b. 1863 d. 1942
Mother: Sarah Alice Howarth b. 1862

Children: Harold Wilson b. 1884
Lilly Wilson b. 1886
Eva Wilson b. 1888
Joseph Wilson b. 1891
Annie Maud Wilson b. 1899
Thomas Edward Wilson b. 1900
Gladys May Wilson b. 1904

War Record¹⁵

No service record has been found for Joe, but the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Certificate shows that he served with the 6th Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. The Regiment's website²⁰ gives:

6th (Service) Battalion

Formed at Preston in August 1914 as part of K1 and came under command of 38th Brigade in 13th (Western) Division.

Moved initially to Tidworth and then Blackdown in February 1915.

17 June 1915 : sailed from Avonmouth, going to Gallipoli via Mudros.

Landed at Anzac Cove, 4 August.

January 1916: Evacuated from Gallipoli to Egypt and thence to Mesopotamia.

Joe was killed on 9th April 1916 presumably in Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq). He was awarded British War, Victory and 15 Star Medals.

Joe's death was commemorated in a Memorial Inscription in the Edgworth Congregational Church (The Church was on Horrocks Fold Road, Edgworth.) and he is remembered with honour on the Basra Memorial in Iraq.

In Memory of
Private
Joseph Wilson

17011, 6th Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment who died on 09 April 1916 Age 24

Remembered with Honour
Basra Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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Standard References: 1,3,5,15,30

Additional References: 20 <http://www.loyalregiment.com/>