HENRY CECIL WILMOT

Private 202923

Worcestershire Regiment died on Monday 23rd July 1917 aged 26

HENRY CECIL WILMOT is buried in YATTON CHURCHYARD

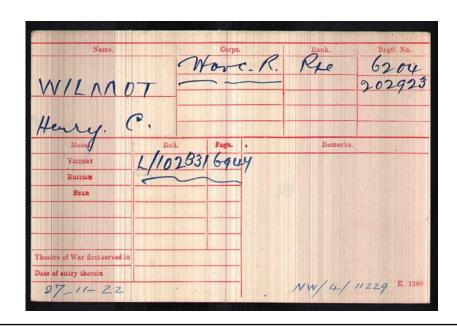
Additional information in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register

Son of Katharine Wilmot, of Perrystone Towers, Ross-on-Wye, and the late Rev. Francis E. W. Wilmot, M.A.



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Cecil Wilmot was the second son of the late Reverend F.C. Wilmot, Rector of Burbage, Buxton. He entered the School House in the Lower School in January, 1902, and left from the Sixth Form in 1909, to take up a post in India on a sugar and indigo estate. He was a fine forward in the football field and also represented the School at cricket. He subsequently migrated to Canada, where he was doing well in farming when the call to serve came. He returned to England and enlisted in the Worcester Regiment. He soon went to France and there contracted lung disease in the trenches, which after a lingering illness terminated fatally in a London hospital, on July 24th, 1917. His reserved nature covered a warm heart, and he bore his long illness with singular fortitude and patience.



Henry Cecil Wilmot was the second son of Francis and Katharine Wilmot and was born in Burbage, Buxton, Derbyshire in 1891 where his father was incumbent. The family moved to Monnington-on-Wye where his father became Rector and Rural Dean of Weobley. Henry Cecil and his brothers went to King's School Worcester. Cecil went first to work in India, and then to Canada where he was farming when he enlisted in 1916. He joined the 8th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment and served with them in France and Flanders from December 1916 until he was invalided home in April 1917. He was treated in Lewisham Hospital where he died in July 1917 and he is buried in Yatton churchyard. His widowed mother lived at Perrystone Towers. Two of his brothers – Robert and Thomas were also killed in the First World War. All three are commemorated on the King's School War Memorial, the King's School memorial windows in the cloisters in Worcester Cathedral and on the Chaddesdon, Derbyshire War Memorial. Henry Cecil Wilmot is also remembered on the Lewisham Military Hospital memorial outside University Hospital Lewisham.