

ROBERT CONINGSBY WILMOT

Captain

**10th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters
died on
Monday 29th October 1917
aged 31**

ROBERT CONINGSBY WILMOT
is buried in
RUISSEAU FARM CEMETERY
Belgium

***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.

Ruisseau Farm was taken by the Guards Division, fighting alongside French troops, on 8 October 1917 and the cemetery was begun by the divisional burial officer when the fighting was over. Later burials were made by artillery units and the cemetery continued in use until the end of November 1917. Ruisseau Farm Cemetery contains 82 First World War burials.

Robert Wilmot is buried in Row c. Grave 2.



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Robert Wilmot was the eldest son of the Reverend F E. Wilmot, of Burbage Vicarage, Buxton, and entered the School House from Macclesfield Grammar School in January, 1901, leaving from the Fifth Form after passing the Law Prelim in July 1904, to be articled in a solicitor's office in Derby. He was a steady worker, a keen sportsman and a delightful companion: much prized as a faithful friend, most loyal to his School, and a specimen of the best type of English gentlemen. He was most regular in his return to the old School for O.V. matches, a most welcome visitor and a regular correspondent. He joined his county Regiment early in the war, and was a popular and efficient officer. One writes of him: "A man of the highest principles, who exercised the very best influence on all with whom he came in contact." The Adjutant of his Battalion writes: "He was loved by every officer in the Regiment and every man in his Company." Another officer: "He was looked up to by all. He will be mourned by us for many a long day." Another: "A splendid fellow, he was always so cheerful and ready to help us all." He was marvellously preserved through the earlier battles of the war on the Somme, and was killed instantaneously by a shell which found his dug-out, late in October. He had been with us on leave quite recently. The School has given in him one of its best, and the eldest of three brothers, all O.V.'s, who have made the great sacrifice.



The window in the cloisters of Worcester Cathedral which commemorates all three Wilmot brothers who were at King's School and who died in the First World War

Robert Coningsby Wilmot was born at Chaddesden, Derbyshire in 1886 the eldest son of the eleven children of Francis and Katharine Wilmot. His father was Rector at Chaddesden and then at Burbage near Buxton.. The family moved to Monnington-on-Wye where his father became Rector and Rural Dean of Weobley. Robert went to King's School, Worcester and then became a solicitor. He joined the Public Schools (UPS) Regiment in August 1914 and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in 1915 to the Sherwood Foresters. He was dangerously wounded in France in July 1915 and was invalided home. He returned to France in 1916, but was killed in action near Poelcappelle and is buried in Ruisseau. His widowed mother lived at Perrystone Towers. Two of his brothers – Thomas and Cecil 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.