



## **Arnold Joe Wilson**

### **1888 – 1917**

Arnold was born in Dewsbury on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1888 and baptised in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1888. His father was Henry Wilson, a clerk in a rag auctioneering firm born in 1856. His mother was Emma (nee Senior) born in 1856. They were married in St. John the Evangelist Church on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1882.

Their other children were; Ernest, born in 1883, Bertha, born in 1884, Edwin Senior, born in 1886 and served in World War 1, Mary Emma, born in 1891, Henry Raymond, born in 1893 and served in World War 1 and Bernard, born in 1898 and was killed in action 11<sup>th</sup> June 1917.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records they were living at 8, Clarke Street, Reservoir Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 60, Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

Arnold, like his father was a clerk with Henry Cullingworth and Sons, rag auctioneers at their Bradford office. He had previously been a clerk to a cabinet maker while living with his parents. He was married in St. Augustine's Church, Undercliffe, Bradford on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1911 to Gertrude Wiles (born in 1888 and died in 1964), they had a son, Kenneth, born in 1913. They lived at "Kingarth" Lucy Hall Drive, Baildon near Bradford and later at 179, Tennyson Place, Bradford.

He attested in Bradford on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1915 and was allocated to the Royal Field Artillery. On 26<sup>th</sup> June 1916 in Ripon, he was transferred and served as Private 27305 in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. He was sent to the Western Front on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1916 and was killed in action on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917 during the Battle of Arras at the beginning of the third Battle of the Scarpe. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Arnold was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7<sup>th</sup> August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and who have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Arnold is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of

Private

**Arnold J. Wilson**

27305, 8th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment who died on 03 May 1917

Remembered with Honour

**Arras Memorial**



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