



## **Wilfred Littlewood**

### **1899-1919**

Wilfred was born in Heckmondwike on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1899; his birth name is recorded as *Wilfrid*. His father was William Littlewood, a Carpenter born in Heckmondwike in 1862 and died in 1918. His mother was Ann Elizabeth (nee Peel) born in Heckmondwike in 1862. They were married on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1886 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall.

Their other children were; Sarah Ellen, born in 1886, George Herbert, born in 1888 and died of sickness due to war service on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1920, Charles Henry, born in 1890 and died in 1890, Percy, born in 1892 and died in 1893, twins Adelaide, born in 1894 and Bertha, born in 1894 and died in 1895 and Ada, born in 1896.

Ann had a daughter, Martha Ann Peel, born in 1885. She was remarried in 1922 to David Senior.

In 1891 the family lived at Beauregard Street, Flush, Liversedge, in 1901 at 6, Walkley Terrace, Heckmondwike and in 1911 at 15, Thornville Mount, Westtown, Dewsbury.

Wilfred was a single man who was employed as a Weighing Machine Makers Fitter, nothing more is known about his life.

He enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Royal North Devon Hussars serving as Private 4/77008 but nothing has been found regarding his service records. He died at his home on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1919 from influenza and bronchopneumonia (Spanish Flu) and was buried in Heckmondwike Cemetery. Wilfred did not receive any medal awards which would mean that he did not serve overseas.

Wilfred is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

He is one of twenty men named on the above but who are not recorded as official war casualties, due to their cause of death not being officially attributed to war service.