



## Isaac Henry Wilde

### 1887 – 1916

Isaac was born in Low Valley, Darfield, Yorkshire in 1887. His father was Silas Wilde, a Coal Miner born in Staffordshire around 1861 and died in 1915. His mother was Ellen (née Warton/Worton) born in Gornall, Staffordshire in 1861 and died in 1930. They were married in Rotherham in 1880.

Their other children were; Agnes Ann, born in Rotherham in 1881, Silas, born in Low Valley in 1884, Isaac Henry (I), born in Low Valley in 1885 and died in 1886 and Joseph, born in Alverthorpe, Wakefield in 1897.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 15, Railway Terrace, Alverthorpe, in 1901 at Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

Isaac was married to Jane Rhodes (born in West Ardsley in 1891 and died in 1957) on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1909 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury. In 1911 they were lodging with the family of Isaac's eldest brother, Silas, at 8, Thomas Street, Beckett Road, Batley Carr; Isaac's occupation is given as a Dyer's Labourer but was out of work. Their children were; Clifford (I), born in 1910 and died in 1910, Clifford (II), born in 1911, Joseph, born in 1913, Sarah Ellen, born in 1915 and died in 1916. They later lived at 16, Back Ridgway Street, Dewsbury. Jane was remarried in 1921 to Harry Gaylor (born in 1890 and died in 1974); they had four children between 1922 and 1934.

He enlisted at the outbreak of war, serving as Private 15846 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1915. He was wounded on the First Day of the Battle of the Somme on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 and died from his injuries in a Casualty Clearing Station at Heilly on 6<sup>th</sup> July. He was buried in a joint grave in Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'abbe, Somme, France. Isaac was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His mother received a letter from his friend, Private John Henry Holmes, part of which read: *"As we went over the parapet out of the trenches on Saturday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup>, about half-past seven, I was with him for about 100 yards, when he worked away from me. Next time I saw him he was severely wounded, riddled with bullets in the back.....I never saw him again, but after the advance I came back to see if I could find him, but he was gone. I enquired about him and was told that he died of wounds."*

The 36<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station was at Heilly from April 1916. It was joined in May by the 38<sup>th</sup>, and in July by the 2/2<sup>nd</sup> London, There are now 2,890 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery.

Isaac is 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 to unreturning Old Boys in Eastborough Council School and on the War Memorial from the now demolished St. Philips Church, Leeds Road now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of  
Private  
**I Wilde**

15846, 9th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 06 July 1916

Remembered with Honour  
Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'abbe



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
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