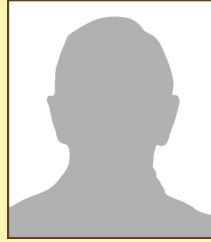




'D' Company
1st Battalion
Hampshire Regiment
Service No. 9197



Private LEONARD GEORGE WEDGE

Born in Waterlooville, Hampshire,
in 1895.

Killed in action
on 2nd November 1914.

Aged 19.

Leonard George Wedge was born in 1895 in Waterlooville, Hampshire. The son of policeman Harry Wedge and his wife Emily Russell of Longparish, he worked as a farm carter in Barton Stacey, lodging in the village with the family of Samuel and Elizabeth Broad, whose son Frederick Broad also died in the Great War.

Leonard was brother to William Harry, Edward James, Arthur, Alice and two other siblings.

He enlisted as a Private in the Hampshire Regiment and was assigned to 'D' Company of the 1st Battalion.

At the outbreak of the Great War in August 1914, the 1st Battalion was stationed at Colchester as a unit of the 11th Brigade, 4th Division. On 23rd August 1914 they were mobilised for war and landed at Le Havre, France.

The 4th Division engaged in various actions on the Western Front in 1914 including the battles of Le Cateau, Marne, Aisne and Messines. In December 1914 the battalion took part in the famous Christmas Truce. Leonard Wedge was not to take part as he was killed in action on 2nd November 1914.

His name can be found on Panel 6 of the Ploegsteert Memorial.

PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL



The Memorial commemorates over 11,000 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South African Forces who died in this area during the Great War and have no known grave. Most of those recorded by this memorial were killed in the daily trench warfare which characterised this part of the Western Front.