

**Private William Edward Wingrove<sup>©</sup>**  
**Regimental number: 13579**  
**7th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment**

**born: 7 November 1889 – died: 28 or 29 June 1916**

Private William Edward Wingrove was probably born on 7 November 1889<sup>1</sup> in Barnbury (Islington),<sup>2</sup> Middlesex. The history of his birth family is not certain, but he was probably the son of William John and Elizabeth (nee Bater) Wingrove and was baptized on 24 November at St Mary's in Islington.<sup>3</sup> William and Elizabeth were both born in Islington in about 1869<sup>4</sup> and were married at St Andrew's Church in Barnsbury on 31 March 1889.<sup>5</sup>

In 1891, William was probably living with his parents at 26 Cornelia Street, Islington.<sup>6</sup> His father was a carman. They were still living in Islington in 1901,<sup>7</sup> but now the family included William's two siblings: Rachel (born in August 1892)<sup>8</sup> and Rosina Mary (born in December 1898).<sup>9</sup> In 1911, William is probably living with his father and Susannah Potter, a widow, born in about 1870.<sup>10</sup> It is not clear what became of William's mother, but his father and Susannah had had a daughter, Annie, two years earlier. They were living at 144 Albany House, Kings Cross Road, where his father was still a carman and William was working as a beer bottler.

The following year William married Emma Weylow. They were married at 10 a.m. on 25 December 1912 at All Saints, Battle Bridge in Islington.<sup>11</sup> There was no evidence that they had any children.

William enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment in Holborn, Middlesex. He joined the Western Front in France on 1 September 1915, but he survived less than a year. In June 1916, William's battalion was stationed on near Kemmel in Belgium—just north of the French border.<sup>12</sup> On 27 June, the 7th Battalion relieved the 2nd Leinster Regiment. The battalion's artillery and trench mortars were very active. The following day the 7th Battalion was heavily bombarded by the enemy, but late in the day the battalion's artillery retaliated, damaging the enemy's wire and breaching its parapet. However, the bombardment during the day had caused 30 casualties in William's battalion. He may have been one of these. He was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station and died there on 28 or 29 June 1916.<sup>13</sup> He was one of 1,986 admitted to No. 1 CCCS in June and one of 86 to die there.<sup>14</sup>

William was a member of the Church of England and was buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord (Grave Reference: II. E. 136).<sup>15</sup> Bailleul is in France, close to the Belgian border. It was occupied on 14 October 1914 and became an important railhead, air depot and hospital centre. Several casualty clearing stations, including No. 1 Canadian CCS, were quartered there for considerable periods. The earliest Commonwealth burials at Bailleul were made in April 1915. An extension was built and burials continued until April 1918; they occurred again in September and after the Armistice, when soldiers' remains were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields.<sup>16</sup>

His wife, who was living at 63 Muriel Street, Rodney Street, Pentonville, London N., was identified as his next of kin and was notified of his death.<sup>17</sup> She also received the monies owing to him from the army upon his death.<sup>18</sup>

William was awarded the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918), the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre) and the 1914–15 Star (for service in the war against Germany between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915).<sup>19</sup>

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- <sup>1</sup> "London, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813–1906," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 13 September 2016), entry for William Edward Wingrove, Record type: Baptism, Borough: Islington, Register type: Parish Registers
- <sup>2</sup> "UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914–1919," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 20 August 2016), entry for William Edward Wingrove
- <sup>3</sup> "London, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813–1906," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 13 September 2016), entry for William Edward Wingrove
- <sup>4</sup> "1891 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 14 September 2016), entry for William J Wingrove, Registration district: Islington, Sub-registration district: Islington South West, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 52b, Piece: 160, Folio: 114, Page: 75. It is probable that this is William's family, although William is identified as Harry on the census return.
- <sup>5</sup> "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1921," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 13 September 2016), entry for William John Wingrove
- <sup>6</sup> "1891 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 14 September 2016), entry for William J Wingrove
- <sup>7</sup> "1901 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 13 September 2016), entry for Wm Edward Wingren [sic], Registration district: Islington, Sub-registration district: Barnsbury, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 45, Piece: 184, Folio: 62, Page: 32, Household schedule number: 189
- <sup>8</sup> "London, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813–1906," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 13 September 2016), entry for Rachel Wingrove, Record type: Baptism, Borough: Islington, Register type: Parish Registers
- <sup>9</sup> "London, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813–1906," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 13 September 2016), entry for Rosina Mary Wingrove, Record type: Baptism, Borough: Islington, Register type: Parish Registers
- <sup>10</sup> "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 20 August 2016), entry for William E Wingrove, Registration district: Holborn, Registration district number: 14, Sub-registration district: Clerkenwell, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 14, Piece: 1229
- <sup>11</sup> "London, England, Marriages and Banns, 1754–1921," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 20 August 2016), entry for William Edward Wingrove, Parish: All Saints, Battle Bridge, Borough: Islington, Register type: Parish register
- <sup>12</sup> "UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914–1920," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 14 September 2016), Regiment or unit: Northamptonshire Regiment, Sub-unit: 7th Battalion, Division: 24th Division, Diary entry start date: 1915, Diary dates: 1915 Aug–1919 Jun, Piece description: Piece 2218/2: 7 Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment (1915 Aug–1919 Jun), Piece number: 2218
- <sup>13</sup> "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* ([www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca): accessed 5 July 2016), entry for Wingrove. The chaplains' journal at No. 1 CCCS indicates that he died on 28 June. However, other army records indicate 29 June.
- <sup>14</sup> "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13–1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* ([http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FIN&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202\\_e.html&r=1&f=G](http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FIN&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html&r=1&f=G): accessed 7 September 2014)
- <sup>15</sup> *Commonwealth War Graves Commission*, ([www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org): accessed 3 December 2016), entry for Wingrove, William Edward, Service No: 13579
- <sup>16</sup> "Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord," *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* (<http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/2000047/Bailleul%20Communal%20Cemetery.%20Nord>: accessed 5 August 2015)
- <sup>17</sup> "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* ([www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca): accessed 5 July 2016), entry for Wingrove
- <sup>18</sup> "UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901–1929," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 September 2016), entry for William Edward Wingrove
- <sup>19</sup> "British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 20 August 2016), entry for William E Wingrove