

Private Henry Charles Wilkinson©

Regimental number: 33633

16th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers

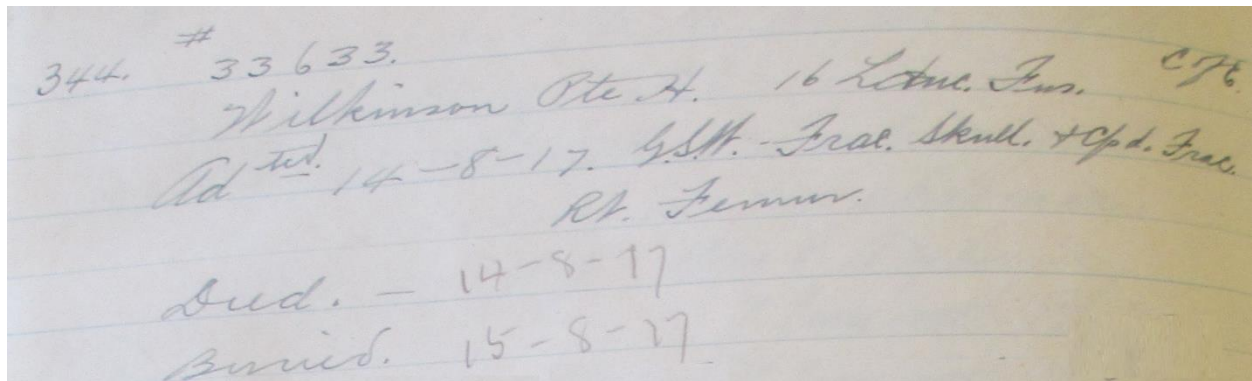
born: 7 April 1892 – died: 15 August 1917

Private Henry (Harry) Charles Wilkinson was born on 7 April 1892 in Bradford, Yorkshire, and baptized at St Peter's (Bradford Cathedral) on 8 May 1892. He was the son of Tattersall and Bertha Wilkinson.¹ The family moved around quite a bit. Harry's father was born in Bradford in about 1857 and his mother, the former Bertha Jones, in Liverpool, Lancashire, in about 1869.² They married in Blackpool, Lancashire, on 19 April 1885.³ In 1891, his father was an auctioneer in Bradford,⁴ where Harry was born the following year. His older sister, Gertrude, was born in Blackpool, Lancashire two years earlier.⁵ His younger sister, Marie, was born in Preston, Lancashire in 1894, but died in infancy.⁶ Harry's youngest sister, Norah, was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1899.⁷

In 1911, the family was living at 4 Woodlands Street in Burnley, where Tattersall was a caretaker at the Penny Bazaar.⁸ By then Harry was also working, as a cotton weaver.

Two years later, Harry married Emily Sugden. They married on 7 July 1913 at the parish church of St Andrew's in Burnley.⁹ Emily's parents are not known, as she was raised in Burnley by her grandparents, Abraham and Margaret Sugden, from at least the age of 2.¹⁰

Harry enlisted in the army in Burnley and served with the 16th Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers.¹¹ He died on 14 August 1918 at No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station.¹² He had been admitted the same day with gunshot wounds, a fractured skull and a compound fracture of his right femur. He was buried the next day in Adinkerke Military Cemetery (Grave Reference: A. 34).¹³



Entry for Pte H. Wilkinson in chaplains' journal

Source: "Record of Deaths, 17 February 1916 to 10 February 1919, a record maintained at No. 1 CCCS," *Library and Archives Canada*

His wife, his next of kin, was notified of his death.¹⁴ She was living at 50 Briercliffe Road in Burnley. She also received the monies owing to him from the army upon his death.¹⁵

Harry was awarded the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) and the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre).¹⁶

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