

WILSON, L. E.

Leslie Edward Wilson, the first of seven children of Samuel Wilson and Margaret Annie Jones, was born in 1896.

By 1903, the family lived in Carlton and Leslie attended Faraday Street State School, SS 112. No doubt he would have known the Hornby boys and Gatliff boys who also went to Faraday Street and who are honoured on the Roll.

With his parents' consent, he enlisted at age 19 and proceeded overseas three months later. He was recommended for the Military Medal in early 1918 but did not receive the award.

Leslie was killed in action in August 1918, aged 22. It was very distressing to his parents that they could not find out where he was buried. The official conclusion was: "No trace of Grave on Research".

AIF Project Entry

Leslie Edward WILSON

Regimental number	3441
Place of birth	Hopetoun Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Porter
Address	Carlton, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Father, S Wilson, 112 Palmerston Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	7 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	5th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/22/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A71 <i>Nestor</i> on 11 October 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	60th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 9 August 1918.

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NAA: B2455, WILSON L E, SERN 3441

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AWM: Roll of Honour Circular
AWM: Honours and Awards

Australian War Memorial: Honours and Awards (Recommendation) Leslie Edward Wilson
AWM281/295

Date recommendation passed forward
Received Passed
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Brigade 15th Aust. Inf. Division 5th Australian Corps AUSTRALIAN

Date of Recommendation. _____

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	60th. Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	3441	Private, WILSON, Leslie Edward.	During the operations at VILLERS-BRETONEUX on the night 26th./27th. April 1918, Private WILSON displayed conspicuous gallantry in maintaining touch with the front line troops after telephonic communication had been destroyed by enemy shell fire. He was of the greatest assistance in directing carrying parties with ammunition and supplies for the front line. His verbal messages to his Company Commander were always delivered with accuracy and his cheerful disposition and courage had a direct bearing on the morale of the forward troops. (Not recommended for reward in connection with King's Birthday Honours Gazette)	Lieut. Col. A. H. B. ... Commanding 60th. Battalion A.I.F. M.M.		

no trace of award

Australian War Memorial: Roll of Honour Circular

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

- Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier: Private Leslie Edward Wilson
- Unit and Number (if known): 3441, 15th Infantry Brigade A. Comp.
- With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial):
Town (if any) _____ District CARLTON State VICTORIA
- What was his Birthplace: Geelong, Victoria
- Date of Death: 9th August 1918
- Place where Killed or Wounded: HARBONIERES

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

- What was his Calling: Railway Employee
- Age at time of Death: 22 Years
- What was his School: Traralgon St. State School, Carleton
- What was his other Training: _____
- If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia: _____
- Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars): _____
- Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
Decorated Orders, by Gen. W. R. Braithwaite, May 26th 1918.
3441 Pte. L. E. Wilson, 60th BATT. A.I.F. For his good work when acting as a runner during the operations at Villers-Bretoneux on the night of the 26/27th April 1918.
- Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
Name _____ Address _____
- Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name Samuel Wilson
Relationship to Soldier Father
Address 497 Drummond St Carleton Hill
- Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name _____ Address _____

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