

## **WILSHER Alfred**



Corporal : Essex Regiment 11th Battalion.

71st Brigade, 24th Division

Age: 26 Killed in action: 27/09/1915

Service No: 14162

Additional information: Son of Ethan and Eva Lavinia Wilsher, of 3, Spring Crescent, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex. He had been born in Wigborough & enlisted at Colchester. He was killed in action. The 11th (Service) Battalion was formed at Warley, September 1914, as part of K3. In September 1914 it was attached to 71st Brigade, 24th Division A Division of K3, the units were assembled around Shoreham during September 1914. The Division crossed to France 28th August - 4th September 1915. It served on the Western Front throughout the war.

The Division's first experience was truly appalling. Having been in France for only a few days, lengthy forced marches brought it into the reserve for the British assault at Loos. GHQ planning left it too far behind to be a useful reinforcement on the first day, but it was sent into action on 26th September, whereupon it suffered more than 3,900 casualties including Alfred.



He was awarded the 1914-1915 Star, The British War Medal and the Allied Victory Medal





Casualty Type: Commonwealth  
War Dead Grave/Memorial  
Reference: Panel 85 to 87.  
Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL

Dud Corner Cemetery stands almost on the site of a German strong point, the Lens Road Redoubt, captured by the 15th (Scottish) Division on the first day of the battle. The name "Dud Corner" is believed to be due to the large number of unexploded enemy shells found in the neighbourhood after the Armistice. On either side of the cemetery is a wall 15 feet high, to which are fixed tablets on which are carved the names of

those commemorated. At the back are four small circular courts, open to the sky, in which the lines of tablets are continued, and between these courts are three semicircular walls or apses, two of which carry tablets, while on the centre apse is erected the Cross of Sacrifice. No. of Identified Casualties: 20580

references :- "Soldier Died WW1" & <http://www.1914-1918.net/index.htm>

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