

WAINWRIGHT Frederick Reginald

Private Wainwright – 352556 2nd/9th Btn Manchester Regiment

Private Wainwright was known as Reg. He died aged 19 on 9th October 1917. He has no known grave. He is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium and in the poem: **To Our MM and Old Scout** written by Arthur T Poole in 1917.

We all liked Reg. Wainwright so pleasant and bright,
Our sympathy goes with his loved ones tonight,
His brothers are with us, and they well may be glad,
To have had such a brother, a bright, happy lad

From this meeting of Scouts we intend to convey
To his parents and family without more delay
How much we all thought of Reg, our old Scout,
And of each one's deep sorrow there can be no doubt

Reg was the son of Frederick William and Emily and had five brothers and one sister. His father was a labourer at the Analine Dye Works. Reg enrolled at Willaston School on 1st March 1904, having previously been at Laird Street School, Birkenhead.

The 1911 Census shows the family was living in Mill Lane. In the 1914 Electoral Roll the family was recorded as living at Read's Cottages, Hanns Hall. By the time Reg died the Forces War Records lists the family as living at Woodslee, Bromborough.



WILLASTON MAN FALLS IN ACTION.

Private F. R. WAINWRIGHT.

The above soldier enlisted at the age of 17½ years, was trained at Colchester, and was drafted to France in March, 1917. He was wounded on Sept. 12th of the same year, and was back in action again on the 9th of October. The news of his death came from his Colonel on the 22nd of October, and the official news from the War Office on December 29th. He was very popular among his friends, and will be greatly missed.

The newspaper article above highlights the delay in informing the family officially of the death in action of Private Wainwright.

Tyne Cot Memorial

Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing is a burial ground for the dead of the Great War in the Ypres Salient on the Western Front. The cemetery grounds were assigned to the United Kingdom in perpetuity by King Albert I of Belgium in recognition of the sacrifices made by the British Empire in the defence and liberation of Belgium during the war. It is the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world. The cemetery and its surrounding memorial are located outside Passchendaele.