



ELLESMERE PORT WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

A number of men from Ellesmere Port also appear on other war memorials, especially those in the West Midlands, such as in Wolverhampton, Bilston, Dudley and Tipton, due to the relocation of the Wolverhampton Iron Works and staff just before the war. Family ties to their former home were obviously still very strong at the time, and a great many of the soldiers also enlisted in local regiments, such as the South Staffordshires. To avoid unnecessary duplication, the link below refers to work that has already been carried out by curators of websites covering such memorials, with full credit for their efforts. Their work is very much appreciated by the Ellesmere Port War Memorial Project.

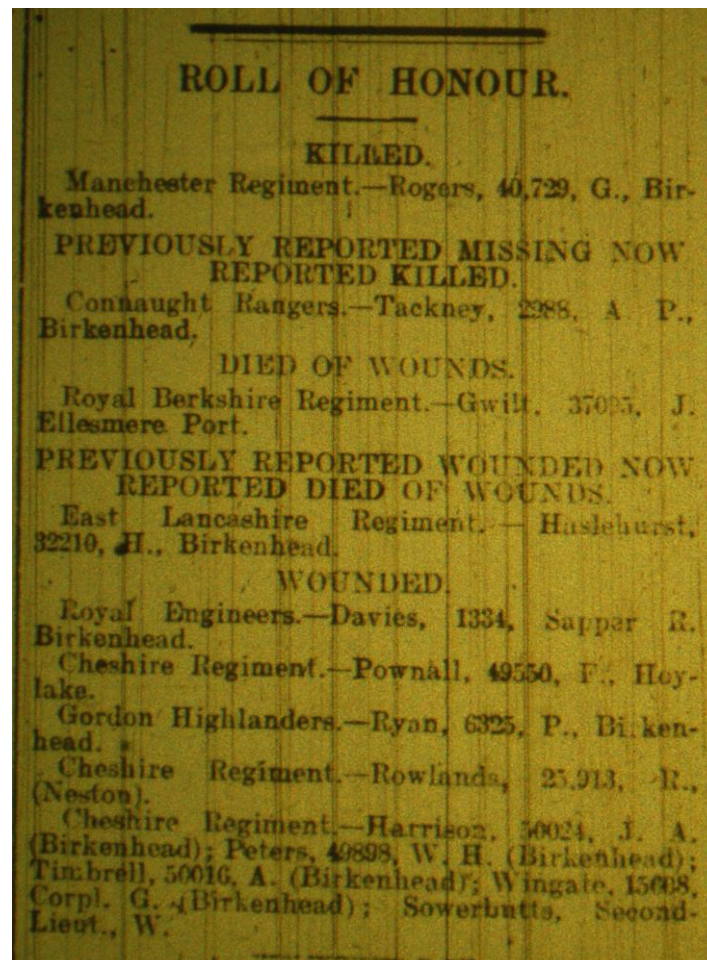
Private 37095 John Gwilt

8th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment

Formerly 4650 Cheshire Regiment

Died of Wounds, 3rd December 1916, age 21.

Commemorated on Pier and Face 11D, Thiepval Memorial, Somme



KILLED IN ACTION.

YOUNG ELLESMERE PORT
SOLDIER.



PRIVATE JACK GWILT.

the youngest soldier son of Mr. Geo. Wm. Gwilt, of 40, Highfield-road, Ellesmere Port, has been killed in action. Deceased, who was only 21 years of age, was employed at the Mersey Iron-works before the war broke out, and he enlisted about seven months ago. He was a well-known local billiard player, and two weeks before joining the colours he won a gold watch in a handicap at the Billiard Hall. The deceased was very popular with his workmates, and much sympathy is felt for his father. His brother is serving in Mesopotamia.



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| CUMMINS H.C. | GREENMAN W.C. | 10265 |
| CURLEY T. | GREENWAY A.C. | LAWRENCE I |
| CURTIS T. | GREGORY E.F.J. | 19820 |
| CUTLER A.G. | GREGORY W.G. | LAWRENCE |
| DAGGERS C.E. | GROVE A. | LAWRENCE |
| DALE T.G. | GROVES A.H. | LEAVER L.V. |
| DARLINGTON R. | GROVES L. | LEE R.R. |
| DAVEY A.A. | GUEST G. | LESTER J.L. |
| DAVIES D.G. | GUTTERIDGE W.A. | LEWIN F.G. |
| DAVIES W. | GUY J.F. | LEWIN W.T. |
| DAVIS A.J. | GWILT J. | LEWINGTON |
| DAVIS E.S. | HAINES A.J. | LEWIS A.F. |
| DAVIS J. 16064 | HALL A.E. | LITTLE A. |
| DAVIS J. 21652 | HALL E.J. | LITTLETON |
| DAY A. | HALL F. | LLOYD E. |
| DAY A. W. G. | HARDING H.A. | LLOYD R. |
| DAY L. A. | HARMAN C. | LLOYD T. |
| DAY P. I. | HARRIS F. | LOCK A. |

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Last name: *Gwilt*

Recorded in several forms including Gwilt, Gwyllt, and Wyllt, this is a true Welsh surname. It derives from the pre 7th century word "gwyllt" meaning wild. It was originally either a baptismal personal name, or more likely a medieval nickname for a "wild man", or given the robust humour of the period, probably the reverse! Nicknames form a large percentage of almost all surname groups in every language and country, and indeed an even higher proportion in the Gaelic where they are the norm. It is always a source of confusion as to why such names were so popular or even why they have survived at all, but without being present when these names were created and without a precise knowledge of actual meanings seven hundred or more years ago, which we do not possess with certainty, it has to be guesswork. Sometimes confused and overlapping in spelling with the English nickname surname Wild or Wilde, this surname is well recorded from the 16th century in the border counties of England and Wales. These recordings include Howel Wyllt of LLantrithyd, Glamorgan, in 1593, Maurice Gwilt of Chirbury in 1664, and Richardus Quilt of Clunbury in 1750, both from Shropshire.

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