

In Memory of
Private GEORGE WILTSHIRE
5412, 1st/4th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who resided in Faringdon and died, age 20, on 23 July 1916
Son of Henry and Annie Laura Wiltshire,
of Challow Lane, Barcote, Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
POZIERES BRITISH CEMETERY,
OVILLERS-LA BOISSELLE



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Pozieres is a village some 6 km north-east of Albert, Somme, France. The village of Pozieres was attacked on 23 July 1916 by the 1st Australian and 48th (South Midland) Divisions, and was taken on the following day. It was lost on 24-25 March 1918, during the great German advance, and recaptured by the 17th Division on the following 24 August.

Battle of Pozieres

Sunday 23rd July 1916 France, La Boisselle: Our attack began at 4.0a.m. - see Report. Their shell fire was incessant from dawn till dark. The captured trenches, our Right and all Communication trenches being continually under fire. At 6.20p.m. we received orders that the 5th Warwicks would take over our front and this relief was completed by 3.0a.m. on the 24th. The Battalion did well in the attack and later when holding the captured trenches. Reinforcement of 46 joined the Bn.

Weather:- a fine day.

Remarks: Casualties:- 2/Lts Clayton & Wakeford Killed. 23 Killed, 103 wounded, including Shell Shock 16.