

**L**IONEL RUSSELL WILFORD was the only son of the Rev. Herbert H. Wilford of Welney Rectory (Wisbech), who was himself at Oundle (School House) from 1876 to 1883. L. R. Wilford was born on March 7, 1892, and entered School House in September 1906, leaving in April 1911. He was a member of the XV in 1909 and 1910, and played at times for the XI of 1910.

Enlisting in the Royal Fusiliers (Public Schools Battalion) in September 1914, he was given a commission in the South Staffordshire Regiment in January 1915. Early in the following year he was appointed Supervisor of Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting to the 2nd (Reserve) Infantry Brigade at Rugeley (Staffs.).

In May he was promoted Lieutenant and in September acting Captain.

In January 1917 he was appointed Garrison Supervisor of Physical Training to the Catterick Reserve Centre. Rejoining the South Staffordshire Regiment in January of 1918, he was attached in February to the 9th (Pioneer) Battalion, which formed part of the Italian Expeditionary Force.

He died of influenza, contracted on active service, in the 81st General Hospital at Marseilles on November 8, 1918.

He was buried at Marseilles.



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