


Frederick John Wilsher was the second known memorial named casualty to be killed whilst serving in the Australian Imperial Force. He was killed in action on the 21st April 1917 near the village of Pont-de-Nieppe on the French-Belgian border.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 997 Name WILSHER FREDERICK JOHN

Unit D Coy 41st Batt

Joined on MARCH 21st 1916 **41st BATTALION**

Frederick John Wilsher

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. FREDERICK JOHN WILSHER
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
2. In the Parish of ESSEX in or
near the Town of STANFORDLEHOPE
in the County of ENGLAND
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized
British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be
shown.) 3. YES.
4. What is your Age? 4. 18 Years 4 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. FARMER
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where,
to whom, and for what period? 6. NO.
7. Are you married? 7. NO.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...
8. (FATHER) MR. JAMES WILSHER
STANFORDLEHOPE ESSEX
ENGLAND
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. NO.
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His
Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and
Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a
Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed
with Disgrace from the Navy? 10. NO.
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His
Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia
Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial
Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving,
state cause of discharge 11. NO.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12. YES.
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's
Service? If so, on what grounds? 13. NO.
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who
are the sole support of widowed mother)—
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued
in respect of your service beyond an amount which
together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... 14. NO.
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox
and enteric fever? 15. YES.

I, FREDERICK JOHN WILSHER do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than three fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date MARCH 21st 1916

Frederick John Wilsher
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/111A—G.11579. * This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

The attestation paper for 997 Private Frederick, John Wilsher, A.I.F.

Although not from the same paternal family as namesake John Wilsher, it is assumed that the two were related in some way, either uncle and nephew or indeed cousins. This seems to be borne out in the fact that Frederick's sister Amy's

home address in England, as found mentioned within the *next of kin* details on Frederick's Army Service file, state that she was living at No 2, Victoria Road, in Stanford. John Edward Wilsher's home address was that of No 1 Victoria Road.

Frederick Wilsher's Battalion, the 41st, had been raised at Bell's Paddock Camp in Brisbane in February 1916 with recruits from Brisbane, Northern Queensland and the Northern Rivers District of New South Wales, it forming part of the 11th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division.

After training in Australia and Britain, the 41st Battalion arrived in France on 25th November 1916. It entered the front line for the first time on Christmas Eve and spent the bleak winter of 1916-17 alternating between service in the front line, and training and labouring in the rear areas.

Report		Award of promotion, reference, transfer, discharge, &c. (to be filled in by the commanding officer or other official concerned. The authority to be quoted in each case.)	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks (Taken from Army Form 2022 Army Form A 20, or other official documents)
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked	Sydney	18-5-16	
		Disembarked	Plymouth	20-7-16	
	C.O. Troops	Demotionese.			
11-11-16	C.O. 41st Bn	A.F.L. 6-30am 30-10-16 to 4-11-16. 14 days PP NCE by C.O. 41st Bn on 8-11-16. Total forfeiture 20 days pay.	England	4-11-16	DOS/556/17 FR997.
29-11-16	C.O. 41st Bn	Proceeded Overseas. France	S'ampton	24-11-16	FR1483 2/24
23-4-17	3rd B.M. 41st Bn	Killed in action.	Field	21-4-17	AT11259 VL328

The Casualty-active service form for 997, Private Frederick Wilsher, A.I.F.

Frederick
John
Wilsher



21st April 1917
Age 19
Private
A.I.F. (41st Bat.)
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Pont-de-Nieppe communal
cemetery, France

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