

<b>Name</b>	<b>WILFRED HINES</b>
<b>Birth</b>	March 1898 Benwell, Newcastle
<b>Enlistment/Occupation</b>	Enlisted Blaydon-on-Tyne
<b>Death, date, location</b>	16/01/1917 Killed in action France & Flanders First entered France 20/04/1915 (Medal Rolls)
<b>Age</b>	19
<b>Unit, rank, service no:</b>	9/2074 Lance Corporal 1st/9th Bn. Durham Light Infantry
<b>Family acknowledgement CWGC</b>	Son of John and Rosetta Hines, of 20, Algernon Terrace, Wylam-on-Tyne, Northumberland. (CWGC)
<b>Family</b>	<p>The 1901 census reveals that Wilfred Hines started as Wilfred Gubbins born in Benwell early in 1898, but now living as a 3 year old step-son with his mother Rosetta and John Turnbull Hines 23 a coal miner from Scotswood who is Rosetta's new husband and Wilfred's step-father. A baby son, John Turnbull Hines has just been born and completes the family. They are living at 5 Edward Street off Westgate Road, Benwell in 1901. Over the next few years the family increased by two, another son Stephen 8, and a daughter Phyllis 5, both born in Newcastle. By the time of the 1911 census, when Wilfred was 13, the family had moved across the R. Tyne to Whickham and were living in Bagnall's Cottages and all four children were still at school.</p> <p>Wilfred enlisted in Blaydon on Tyne, but no date is available nor is there any information regarding Wilfred's occupation or the location where he worked when he left school and before joining the army. His residence at enlistment is given as Swalwell which indicates that the family was still living in the Whickham area in the years immediately before the war started.</p>

	<p>Wilfred’s parents John T. &amp; Rosetta are recorded as moving to 20 Algernon Terrace, Wylam; these houses were built in 1913-1915 period and both parents are on the voters register for 1918.</p> <p>It is difficult to establish what Wilfred’s personal and occupational links with Wylam were before he was killed in 1917 aged 19. The Medal Rolls show that Wilfred entered France 20/04/1915 which indicates he must have volunteered early for military service or was already a member of the territorial army when war broke out. Given Wilfred’s date of birth he was possibly only 16 years of age when the war started in 1914 and may have only been 17 years old when he was posted to France.</p> <p>However, it is evident that his parents moved to Wylam during the war and were related to Walter Dootson Hindley and wife Isabella. Walter Hindley is also commemorated on the Wylam War memorials even though his main address was in Benwell. This seems to suggest that John &amp; Rosetta Hines moved to the village during the war and arranged for their son Wilfred Hines and their brother in law Walter Dootson Hindley to be commemorated on the Wylam war memorials when these were being planned. (see Walter Dootson Hindley)</p>
<p><b>Battalion War Diary 1/9th Durham Light Infantry</b></p>	<p>At this time the 9th Battalion were involved in holding a front line immediately opposite <b>LE BARQUE</b> with 5th Northumberland Fusiliers to their left and the 2nd Australians to their right.</p> <p>The War Diary has the following entries for the relevant period. It would appear that Wilfred may well have been one of the casualties resulting from enemy shelling of the huts in High Wood</p>

	<p>West camp where the Battalion was resting at the time:-  <b>Support Trenches</b>  <b>12/13 January 1917</b> The Battalion was relieved in SUPPORT TRENCHES and proceeded to <b>HIGH WOOD WEST CAMP</b>. One man killed in action.</p> <p><b><u>HIGH WOOD WEST CAMP</u></b>  <b>15th January 1917</b> 8 reinforcements joined the Battalion from Baizieux Training Camp.</p> <p><b>16th January 1917</b> The enemy shelled the camp one shell falling in a hut occupied by 'B' Company.  <i>Casualties</i>  <i>8men killed in action</i>  <i>16 men wounded to hospital</i>  <i>5 men wounded to duty</i>  <i>Draft of 74 reinforcements joined battalion from Baizieu Training Camp.</i></p> <p><b>16/17 January 1917</b> The Battalion returned to front line <b>FACTORY CORNER</b> relieving 6th Bt Durham Light Infantry.</p>
<p><b>War Memorials</b></p>	<p>PERONNE ROAD CEMETERY, MARICOURT  Also commemorated on:-  War memorial Plaque St.Oswin's church, Wylam  War Memorial Monument, Village Green, Wylam</p>
<p><b>Comments</b></p>	<p>The evidence suggests that the Hines family had only recently arrived in Wylam at the time of the First World War.</p> <p>It is also noticeable that Wilfred was a very young casualty. His birth date is given as 1898 which makes Wilfred just 16 years old when the war starts in 1914, the medal rolls show that he was in France in 1915 when he could only be 17years old.</p>
<p><b>Sources</b></p>	<p>UK Soldiers Killed in Great War 1914-1918 ancestry.</p>

	Medal Rolls 1901/1911 Census Commonwealth War Graves Commission DLI War Diaries, County Archives, County Hall, Durham