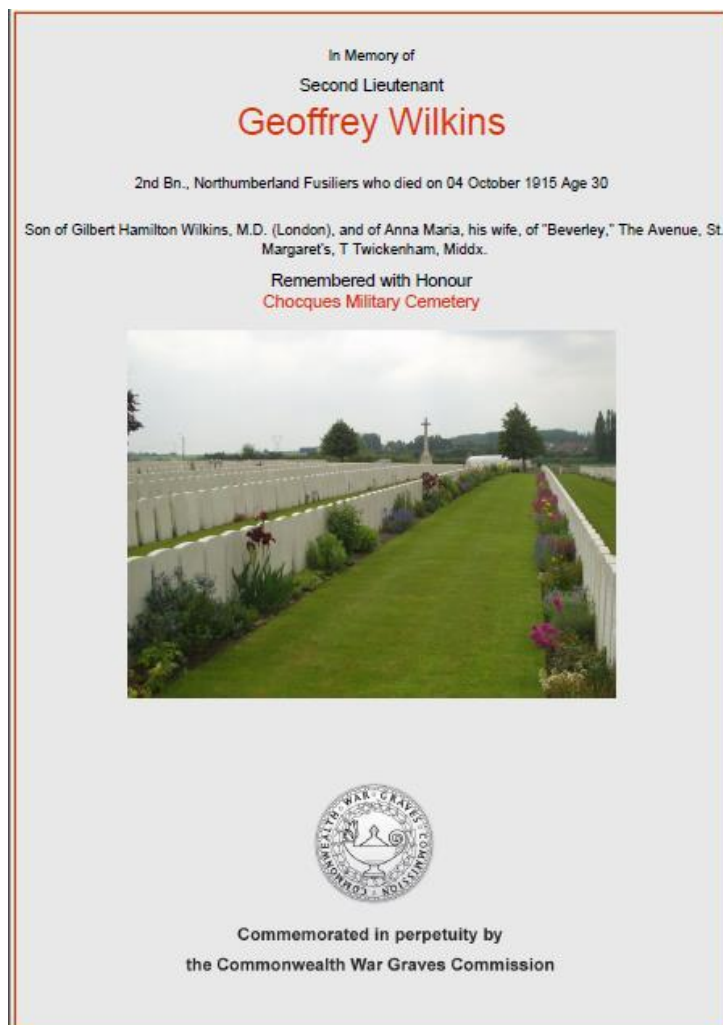


**Geoffrey Wilkins** was born in 1885 in Brixton, was educated at Westminster School, and he became an insurance clerk at Lloyds. His surgeon father died in 1898 and was buried in Norwood Cemetery. Before and after the war his widowed mother lived in Bedford Park (not the address in the CWGC record). His older brother Trevor Hamilton Wilkins was also a doctor and served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. The middle brother, Claude Gilbert Wilkins, was in the Bedfordshire Regiment, and lived in St Margarets for a while after the war.

Geoffrey enlisted as Private 1924 in the London Regiment, Artists Rifles, and landed in France in January 1915. In May he was promoted to Temporary 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Northumberland Fusiliers. He was wounded at Loos on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct and died of wounds on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1915, age 30. He was buried in Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, where most of the burials are of men who died at No.1 Casualty Clearing Station.

Only his parents are mentioned in the official CWGC record, but in fact he had married Letitia Gertrude Hill in Richmond in October 1914. His headstone reads "Until we meet". Her address was Beverley, The Avenue, St Margarets; she never remarried, and died in 1971. Her brother, Arthur Lionel Hill, is also on the Isleworth War Memorial, killed just 10 days earlier, and both men are also commemorated at All Souls, St Margarets.



Plaque in All Souls, St Margarets, for Geoffrey Wilkins and his brother-in-law Arthur Lionel Hill



Geoffrey Wilkins name is on his father's gravestone in Norwood Cemetery

