Wilfred Owen



Wilfred Owen was born in England in 1893.

In 1913 he went to teach in France but he returned in 1915 to enlist in the British Army.

He was commissioned as an Infantry Officer and in 1916 he fought in the Battle of Somme, in northern France.

The horrors of war shocked him deeply. After serving in the trenches, he was posted home on sick leave.

At a hospital in Scotland he met a famous poet, Siegfried Sassoon, whose encouragement and criticism enabled him to find his poetic voice.

In September 1918 he returned to active service in France.

He was killed in action on 4th November 1918, exactly one week before the armistice.