

# IVOR MURRAY WILSON



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The School Magazine of June 1917 published:

"Many Old Grammarians of about 1910, will remember Ivor Wilson. It will be remembered that he was disabled in a railway accident, in Egypt and lost both his legs. This was to all his friends a source of keen regret and deep sympathy; but we are also proud that Ivor's pluck and grit have carried him through his suffering and left him as full of spirit as ever. Here is the way he writes:-

N<sup>o</sup>. 3 London General Hospital,  
4<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

My dear Mr. Kerr,

I was very pleased to receive your letter, and appreciate your kind expressions. It was certainly very gallant to me at first to think I had left the Regiment after eighteen months' service, with only one break of four weeks in September 15. And then to leave from the cause of an unfortunate accident. We had had

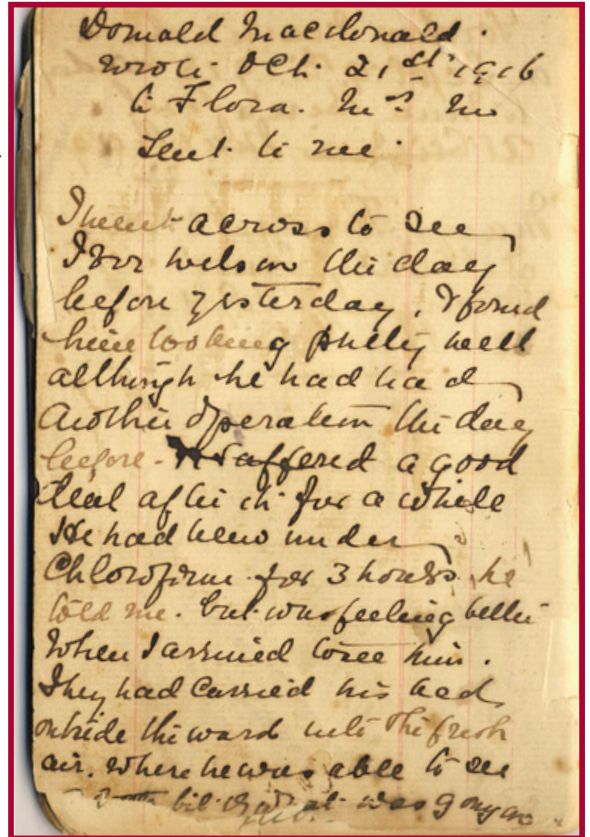
much active work for a few months preceding, and my luck was always of the best. However, it's over now, and I was fortunate in getting off so well.

The authorities here say I can easily be fixed up, the results are beyond their best hopes and in my case they expect to turn out a first-class "walker." You perhaps remember I won the walk at the sports one year. I don't propose though to take on any of your walking experts.

With regard to the one other side of the school I am very glad to hear that the total enlistments among the Old Boys have been so good. Frank Phillips, Wilkinson, and Archie Wilson were with our Field Ambulance. I often saw them. "Sprit" Morgan was also in that unit, but was invalided to England from Gallipoli. There are many others I have heard of, but had no idea the number was so large... They have often told me from home that I don't tell much of the doings. However, I hope to visit you at the school before very long.

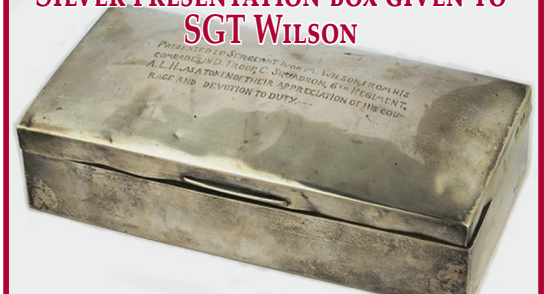
With kindest regards,  
**IVOR M. WILSON"**

This page is from a diary kept by Harriet Wilson, Ivor's mother. It was written by another IGS Old Boy, Donald Macdonald, who visited him in hospital. It reads:



"I went across to see Ivor Wilson the day before yesterday. I found him looking pretty well although he had had another operation the day before. He suffered a good deal after it for a while. He had been under chloroform for 3 hours he told me but was feeling better when I arrived to see him. They had carried his bed outside the ward into the fresh air, where he was able to see... "

## SILVER PRESENTATION BOX GIVEN TO SGT WILSON



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Date of Birth:	16 December 1888
Student Number:	1004
Enrolment:	24 February 1902
Age Entered IGS:	14 years
Final Day at IGS:	December 1904

Unit:	8 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment
Regimental Number:	733
Enlistment:	10 February 1915
Age at Enlistment:	26 years
Final Day of Service:	16 July 1917 - MD