



CEF 101

**Documenting Our
First World War Ancestors**



Objectives

- Nature of military service, 1914-1919
- CEF Service Documents – Review
- Creating a CEF Timeline
- Timeline “Pointers”
- Some overlooked or underused resources
- The “future” of CEF Research

The Great War

- August 4, 1914
- United Kingdom
- Caribbean
- Belgium
- France
- Russia
- Middle East
- Atlantic Canada

- November 11, 1918





Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1919

- Infantry
- Artillery
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- Railway Troops
- Forestry
- Service Corps
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- Administration –
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Canadians at War

- Second Ypres, 1915
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- Somme, 1916
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- 100 Days: August – November 1918
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[Canada, CEF Commonwealth War Graves Registers, 1914-1919](#)
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- Search by name
- Birth place & date
- Relative, i.e., next of kin
- Regimental number

Key Document: Attestation

- Name
- Address
- Place & date of birth
- Next-of-kin, relationship address
- Occupation
- Previous service
- Certification
- Unit first joined & date
- Regimental/service number

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ATTESTATION PAPER
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname?	Wright
1a. What are your Christian names?	William Percy
1b. What is your present address?	73 Marlborough Ave., Toronto
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born?	Newmarket, Ont.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?	Pearl Louise Wright
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?	73 Marlborough Ave., Toronto
4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?	Wife
5. What is the date of your birth?	27th December, 1883
6. What is your Trade or Calling?	Mechanic
7. Are you married?	Yes
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?	Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?	Yes
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?	109th Regt. 3 mos.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?	Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force?	Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, William Percy Wright, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date 25th Jan. 1916 101 William Wright (Signature of Recruit)
Thos F. James (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, William Percy Wright, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound lawfully and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above named was attested by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as required to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the Declaration and taken the oath before me, at Toronto this 25th day of Jan. 1916.

W. Wright (Signature of Justice)
Lt.-Col.

Key Document: Casualty Form

Rank *1st Lt* Name **WRIGHT, William Percy.** Reg'l No. **678959**
 Unit **2nd Bn. 10th. Inf.** What Unit? **1** Married or Single **Married**
 Place and Date of Enlistment **Toronto. 15th. Jan. 1916.** Place of Birth **Pearson, Ont.**
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin **Pearl Louise Wright,**
244, Lippinott St., Toronto. Relationship **MD 2** *MD 2*
 Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship **MD 2**
 Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship **MD 2**
 Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character **MD 2**

Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
ARRIVED IN ENGLAND, S-S-CORSICAN 5. 11. 16.					
<i>23/11/16</i>	<i>169th</i>	<i>up ptd act gce Sgt</i>	<i>Bramshott</i>	<i>23/11/16</i>	<i>RR 3 20 267</i>
<i>24-11-16</i>	<i>169th</i>	<i>Act of Appoin'tment to read</i>	"	<i>25-10-16</i>	<i>RR 3 20 270</i>
<i>24-12-16</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>Act of Appoin'tment to 1st Bn.</i>	"	<i>31-12-16</i>	<i>RR 3 20 287</i>
<i>5-1-17</i>	<i>102 116th</i>	<i>Taken on strength</i>	<i>Witley</i>	<i>31-12-16</i>	<i>RR 3 20 287</i>
<i>7-3-17</i>	"	<i>Proceeded Overseas</i>	"	<i>8-3-17</i>	"
<i>14-3-17</i>	"	<i>Taken on strength field</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>7-3-17</i>	"
<i>28-3-17</i>	"	<i>Reverts to the ranks</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>7-3-17</i>	"
<i>5-10-17</i>	"	<i>Promoted Corporal</i>	"	<i>20-7-17</i>	"
<i>5-11-17</i>	<i>2nd C.O.R. to No. 11. Can Trench Bn</i>	"	"	<i>29-10-17</i>	<i>C.L. 2055, H. 10 700</i>

A.F.B. 103 CHECKED
 16 MAR 1917

- Arrival & departure
- Training - location
- Promotions
- Transfers
- Wounds, illness, hospitalization
- Discipline



William P. WRIGHT (678959) Timeline, 1916-1919

	Date	Unit	Action	Place	Date	Authority
CANADA		109 th Regiment	Taken on Strength	Toronto, ON	Nov 1915	
		169 th Battalion	Attested	Toronto, ON	25 Jan 1916	
		169 th Battalion	Taken on Strength	Toronto, ON	31 Jan 1916	
		169 th Battalion	Promoted Corporal	Toronto, ON	20 May 1916	
		169 th Battalion	Promoted Lance Sgt		23 Sep 1916	
		169 th Battalion	Unit sailed for England <u>CORSICAN</u>		17 Oct 1916	
ENGLAND		169 th Battalion	Unit arrived in England		5 Nov 1916	
	29 Nov 1916	169 th Battalion	Promoted A/LCpl		25 Oct 1916	
	21 Dec 1916	169 th Battalion	Struck off Strength	<u>Bramshott</u>	31 Dec 1916	
	5 Jan 1917	116 th Battalion	Taken on Strength	<u>Witley</u>	31 Dec 1916	Part II, No. 5
FRANCE	9 Mar 1917	116 th Battalion	"Overseas" to France	<u>Witley</u>	8 March 1917	Part II, No. 69
	14 Mar 1917	116 th Battalion	Taken on Strength	Field	9 March 1917	Part II, No. 3
	28 Mar 1917	116 th Battalion	Reverts to ranks	Field	9 March 1917	Part II, No. 8
	5 Oct 1917	116 th Battalion	Promoted Corporal	Field	30 July 1917	
		116 th Battalion	"L" Course		16 Sept 1917	
		116 th Battalion	Returned from course		13 Oct 1917	
		2 nd Central Ont Reg	To 11 Field Ambulance	Field	20 Oct 1917	
	7 Nov 1917	116 th Battalion	Killed in action	Field	26 Oct 1917	Part II, No. 81
	12 Nov 1917	116 th Battalion	KIA Cancelled	Field	29 Oct 1917	Part II, No. 82
	5 Nov 1917	11 th Field Amb.	Admitted		29 Oct 1917	
	9 Nov 1917	55 Gen Hospital	Admitted	Boulogne	30 Oct 1917	Casualty List 59
22 Nov 1917	12 Conv Depot	Admitted	<u>Aubengue</u>	14 Nov 1917	Casualty List 70	
24 Nov 1917	15 Conv Depot	Admitted	Trouville	14 Dec 1917	Casualty List 97	
	15 Conv Depot	Discharged to Base <u>Dp</u>		16 Jan 1918		
	Base Depot	14 d leave UK		21 Feb 1918		
		Returned from leave		11 Mar 1918		

		Base Depot	Reverts to ranks		14 April 1918	
			Attd 3 rd Bn CMGC		15 Apr 1918	
		116 th Battalion	Struck off Strength		30 April 1918	
		3 rd CMG Corps	Taken on Strength		30 April 1918	
		3 rd CMG Corps	Leave of absence		1-12 Dec 1918	
		Discharge to Canada on compassionate grounds			5 Dec 1918	
	5 Jan 1919	3 rd CMG Corps	Struck off Strength		2 Jan 1919	Pt. II, No. 1
ENGLAND		CMG Corps Depot	Taken on Strength	Seaford	2 Jan 1919	
		CMG Corps Depot	To Rhyl, Wales		25 Feb 1919	
		Rhyl, Wales	SOS to Canada		15 Mar 1919	
			Sailed for Canada ROYAL GEORGE		15 Mar 1919	
CANADA			Arrived Halifax, Nova Scotia		25 Mar 1919	
		Park School	TOS Casualty Coy	Toronto, ON	7 Apr 1919	
		Park School	SOS Casualty Coy	Toronto, ON	25 Apr 1919	
		Discharge from the CEF		Toronto, ON	25 Apr 1919	

Timeline Pointers

- Ships and voyage files (to and from England)
- Part II Orders
- Hospital Admission and Discharge Registers
- Operational Records
- War Diaries
- Service chronology: attestation to discharge



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Army

Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF)

Library and Archives Canada holds the personnel files of the soldiers, nurses and chaplains who served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (Record Group 150).

The digitization of the CEF service files is now completed. The original paper documents can no longer be consulted. A total of 622,290 digitized files can be found in the [Personnel Records of the First World War database](#).



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[Returning troops of the Canadian Expeditionary Force marching through the town.](#)

About the guide

Library and Archives Canada holds multiple records and files for the First World War (1914–1918), mostly for the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). It is necessary to consider all of these records together in order to fully understand the Canadian contribution to this war. The Guide to Sources Relating to Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force is a unique finding aid that brings together references to records and files scattered throughout several fonds, which relate to almost every unit in the CEF.

The guide was originally developed over many years by Barbara Wilson, an archivist with the former National Archives of Canada, now Library and Archives Canada. The guide has subsequently been updated with more recent acquisitions from official records, private papers and diaries, and by many other contributors from Library and Archives Canada. The guide was reviewed and updated with references to the Ministry of Militia and Defence records and daily orders, which are described by Library and Archives Canada as Record Group 9 or RG9.

The guide is an indispensable starting point for researching the records that document Canada's participation in the First World War. Researchers can begin their search with the military personnel service files, but this is just the beginning. The guide can point to many other primary sources such as the daily orders, private papers and diaries.

For researchers interested in a specific unit, the guide is particularly helpful since it brings together information about the unit as well as access to the most relevant files that have been identified and listed. Please note that more information on particular units may be also found in records of higher formations (e.g. corps, divisions, or brigades) and general subject files, for example, HQ 683 – 1 – 12 in Record Group 24. Another source to consider is the publication *The Canadian Military Experience 1867–1967: A Bibliography* by O.A. Cooke (Ottawa, 1979, second edition, 1984).

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Part II Daily Orders

- Transfers from one unit to another and within the unit
- Hospitalization
- Discipline – awol, insolence, swearing, etc
- Wounded, died
- Leave, including permission to marry
- Discharge from the unit
- Company designation



Hospital Admission and Discharge

- Facilities in Canada
- Stationary Hospitals
- Casualty Clearing Stations
- Special Hospitals
- Convalescent Facilities
- identifiers
- length of service
- wound
- treatment
- disposition

War Diaries

- Hierarchical in organization
- France and Belgium only?
- Training camps
- Hospitals and convalescent facilities
- Troop ships – homeward bound 1918-1919
- Daily account of activities (trench fighting to football)
- Names – Officers only
- Appendices – plans, operations
- Maps

War Diary: 116th Battalion

WAR DIARY		Army Form C. 2118.	
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.			
(Erase heading not required.)			
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
			Remarks and references to Appendices
"I" Camp	Oct. 23	(Contd)	supplied to 9th C.I.B.. Working party of 2 Officers and 100 O.R's required for carrying party at SPREE FARM. Casualties 3 O.R's killed, 1 O.R. wounded, and 1 O.R. wounded and at duty. Trench strength 32 Officers and 678 O.R's. Ration strength 34 Officers and 806 O.R's.
"I" Camp	Oct. 24		Working parties supplied. Casualties 1 O.R. killed and Capt. A. W. PRATT wounded and remained on duty.
"I" Camp	Oct. 25		Battalion moved from "I" Camp to BANKS FARM AREA, with Headquarters at POMMERY CASTLE. Working party of 1 Officer and 50 other ranks from "A" Company supplied to 9th C.I.B. under Lieut. Gardner, also party of 2 N.C.O's and 10 other ranks from "A" Coy. to 9th C.I.B. Party of 25 other ranks from each Company for carrying bath mats to the Battalions that had gone over in the attack, but on account of being held up they could not do the work, and returned at 10.A.M. the next morning. Also party of 200 men supplied by "C" and "D" Company and 100 men by "B" Company, under Lieuts. Leslie and MacDonald. Casualties 5 other ranks wounded.
Banks Farm	Oct. 26th		Brigade attacked at 5.40 A.M. in conjunction with troops of Canadian Corps. Two Companies, "A" and "D" moved forward to supports in ABRAHAM HEIGHTS in accordance with orders from 9th C.I.B., and at 10.00 P.M. were ordered to move into close support, "A" Company moving into the left sector, and "D" Company less two Platoons moved into right centre. One Officer (Lieut. Irwin) and 75 other ranks from "B" Company detailed to report at 10th Field Ambulance to act as stretcher bearers, also party to report to 9th C.I.B. of 1 Officer (Lieut. Gardner) and 50 other ranks from "A" Company. Casualties 2 other ranks killed and 10 other ranks wounded. Trench strength 19 Officers and 478 other ranks. Ration strength 35 Officers and 755 other ranks.
Line	Oct. 27		In accordance received from the 9th C.I.B. balance of Battalion and Headquarters moved to OTTO FARM AREA, Headquarters at OTTO FARM, and Companies on ABRAHAM HEIGHTS. At 3.00 P.M. Battalion was ordered to take over front line from 43rd, 52nd and 58th Battalions, with four Companies in the front line running from left to right in order "A", "B", "C" and "D", and with Headquarters at WATERLOO. Prior to the relief the full Companies of "A" and "D" had been carrying bombs and S.A.A. from the dump to the Companies in the line. At night two platoons of "C" Coy. under Lieut. Soper were detailed as stretcher bearers.

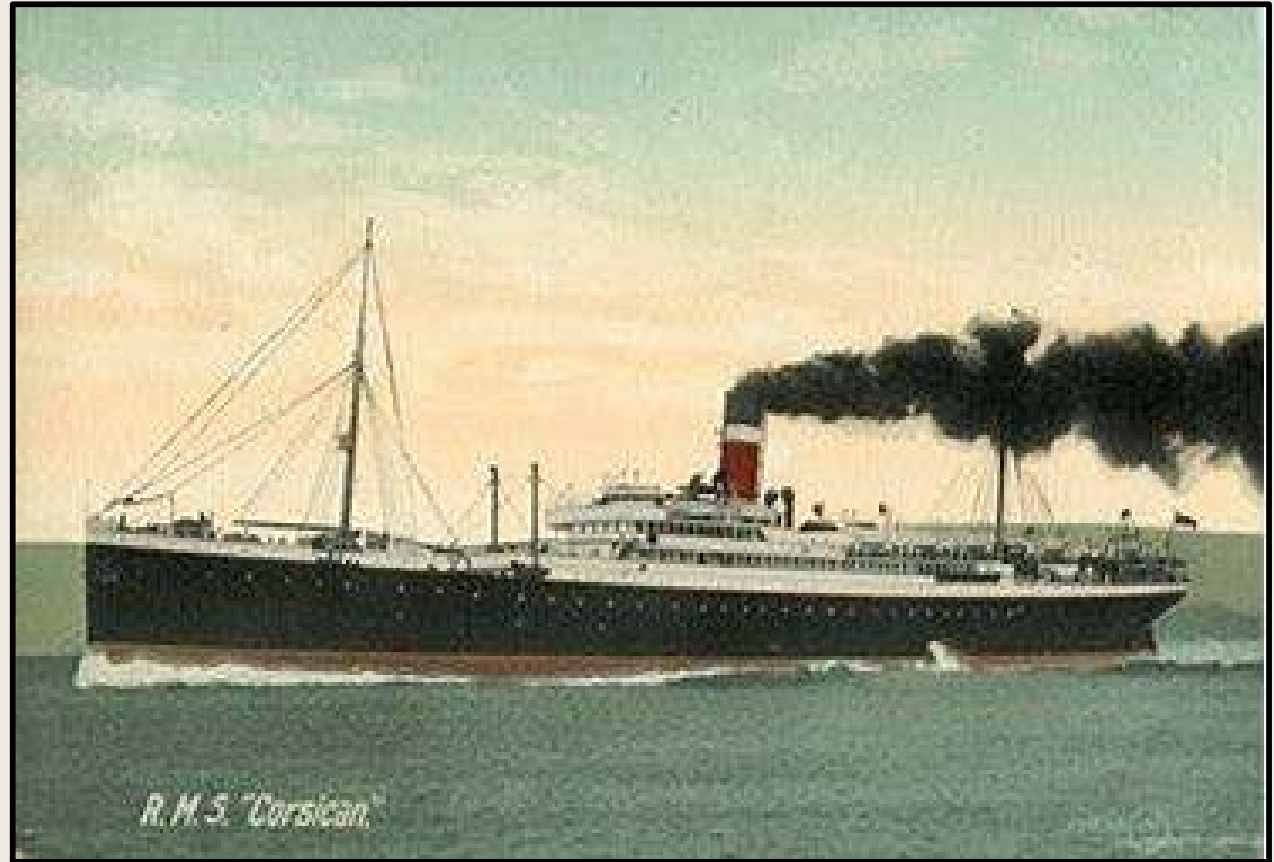
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Canada to England

Voyage File

- Ship
- Nominal roll
- Port of departure & arrival
- Dates

CORSICAN

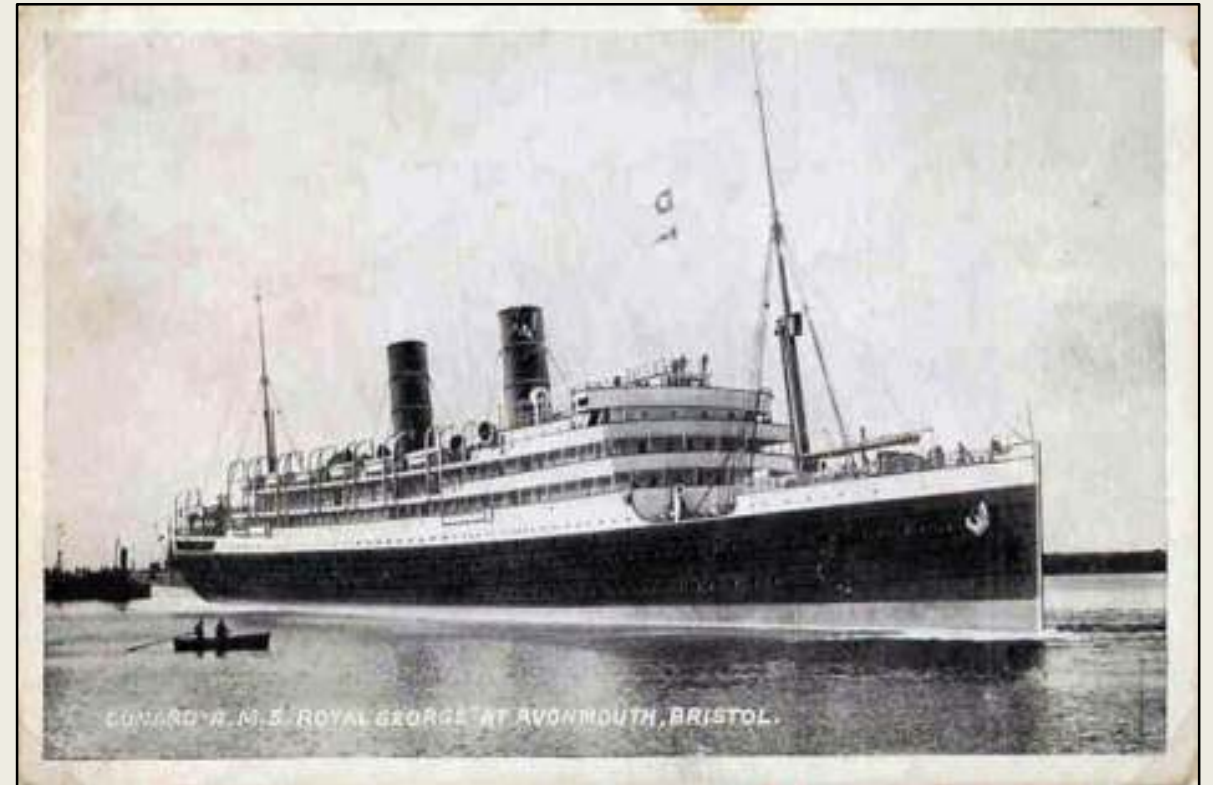


Home Again, 1919

Voyage File

- Name of ship
- Ports/Dates of departure & arrival
- Nominal roll (NoK, destination)
- Log or diary of voyage
- Conditions on board: medical, discipline, facilities

ROYAL GEORGE



Discharge from the CEF

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Discharge Certificate

This is to Certify that No. 678900 (Rank) Pte.
Name (in full) WRIGHT, William Percy enlisted in
the 160th. Bn.
CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE at Sarnia, Ont. on the 25th.
day of January 19 16
HE served in England and France
and is now discharged from the service by reason of
"Demobilisation".

THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows:--

Age <u>36</u>	Marks or Scars
Height <u>5' 3 1/2"</u>	<u>Wound scars left arm</u>
Complexion <u>Dark</u>	<u>wounded & Gassed 19-10-17</u>
Eyes <u>Brown</u>	
Hair <u>D. Brown</u>	<u>Gold Stripes one</u>

W.P. Wright
Signature of Soldier

W. P. Wright
Issuing Officer
Appointed

Date of Discharge April 25th, 1919

Signed at Sarnia, Ont. this 25th. day of April 19 19
in Military District No. 28 J.S.

File Reference No. NO. 12

APR 25 1919
DISTRICT OFFICE

N.B.—As an official of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, Canada.

M. P. W. 1919
100-415
R. G. T. 1919

- Verify the information
- Note unit served with
- Check the dates
- Check physical description
- Officers: Certificate of Service

Honours and awards

- Victoria Cross
- Distinguished Service Order
- Military Cross
- Distinguished Conduct Medal
- Military Medal
- Mentioned in Despatches
- Various foreign awards



Ancestry

Canada, Military Honours and Awards Citation Cards, 1900-1961

i Most of these records are in the English language but there are also records in French
For best results, you should first search using English words and location spellings. If you do not find what you are looking for, try using French.

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) **Last Name**

Exact... Exact...

Military **Day** **Month** **Year**

Exact +/-...

Keyword

e.g. teacher or "Hudson Bay" ▾

Service Number

Award Date **Day** **Month** **Year**

Exact +/-...

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- A - Z (South African Award)
- Abba - Anderson
- Anderson, C.E. - Atkins, Leo Ferdinand
- Atkins, R.O. - Barker, G.H.
- Barker, H.C. - Bedard, A.
- Bedard, Alban - Bezanson, R.T.
- Blart, Eugene Frederick - Bolleau, Joseph Ernest Gaston Eugene
- Robson, Joseph James Paul

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Not to be overlooked...

- CEF volunteers rejected at Valcartier, 1914
- Conscription Tribunals, 1917
- Trench newspapers (and all newspapers!)
- Photograph sources – are there any?
- Commemorative books
- Provincial probate records
- And ... is that all there is?

Conscription 1917-1918

10-12 M. D. First Draft Dept. Station Original
C. G. P. Recruit
Regt. No. 256268

PARTICULARS OF RECRUIT

DRAFTED UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1917

(Class *White*)

1. Name	Price
2. Christian name	George Laurence
3. Present address	Moose Jaw, Sask., Can. Delivery.
4. Military Service Act letter and number	<i>No Recd</i>
5. Date of birth	September 15th 1892.
6. Place of birth	Kings County Nova Scotia.
7. Married, widower or single	Single
8. Religion	Church of England.
9. Trade or calling	Farm Laborer
10. Name of next-of-kin	Father James Price
11. Relationship of next-of-kin	Friend
12. Address of next-of-kin	Charlot St. Kings County Nova Scotia.
13. Whether at present a member of the Active Militia	No.
14. Particulars of previous military or naval service, if any	No.
15. Medical Examination under Military Service Act—	
(a) Place <i>Moose Jaw, Sask.</i> (b) Date <i>October 25/17</i> Category <i>4.11</i>	

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT

I, George Laurence Price, do solemnly declare that the above particulars refer to me, and are true.

George L. Price Signature of Recruit

DESCRIPTION ON CALLING UP

Apparent age	24	yrs	0	mths.	Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous illness.
Height	5	ft.	7 1/2	ins.	
Chest measurement	fully expanded	34	ins.		
	range of expansion	3	ins.		
Complexion	TANNED				
Eyes	BROWN				
Hair	BROWN				

H. G. McKean Lt. Col.
U.S. Army Dept. Dist.
C. G. P. Regt.

Plan Regina Sask. Dec. 4th 1917.

M. D. W. 100
M. D. 100
M. D. 100

- 1917
- Military Service Act
- Personal information
- Physical description
- Where drafted & when
- Military District & unit

Conscription Tribunals, 1917

No. 227, COURT HOUSE.

Judge Gunn and Calvin Lawrence, members; Major A. A. Pinard, military representative. This board heard 25 applications for exemption on Saturday. One was that of Karl Jordan, the well-known athlete. He said he didn't know what nationality he was, but thought he was either German or American and therefore exempt. He was sent to the Secretary of State department to find out.

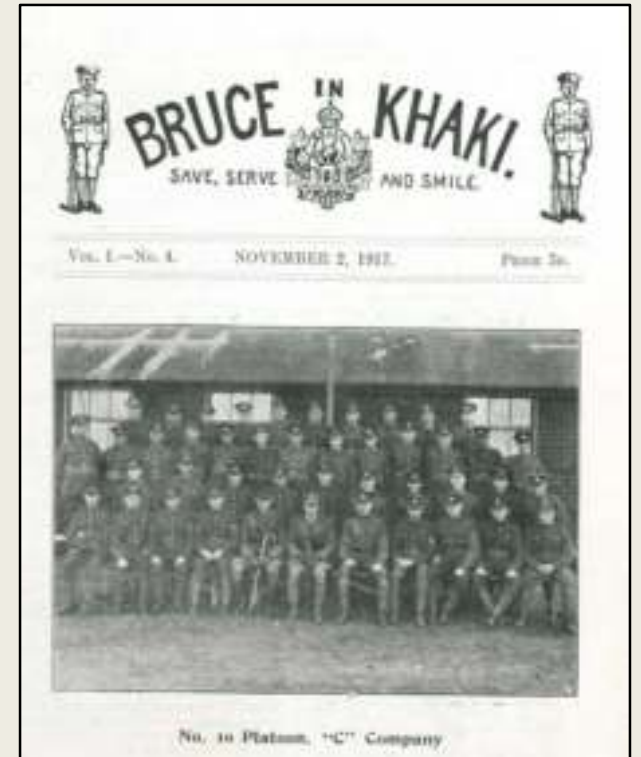
JAMES A. BENNETT, 27, electrician, 55 Sweetland Ave., A-2. Claim made by his father, James Bennett on financial and domestic grounds. Reserved.

Two Brothers Overseas.

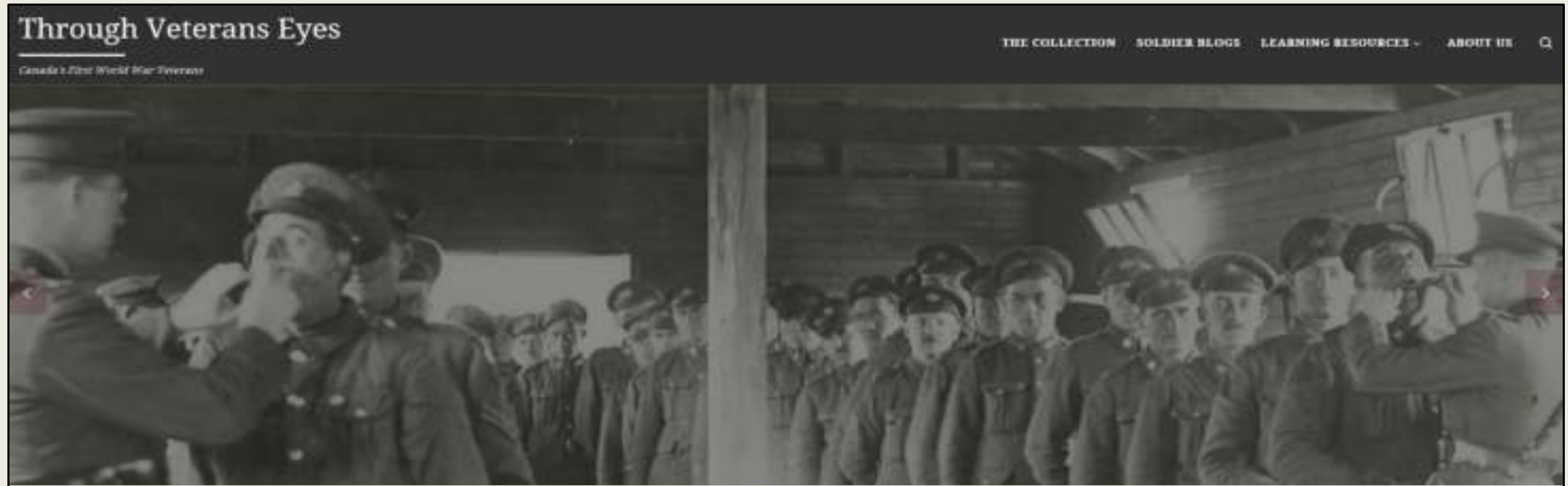
Another case worthy of especial mention was that of James P. Butler of 68 Bolton avenue. Mrs. Butler, who came in to plead for her son, stated that she could not do without him. She had two sons at the front, one of whom had been so badly wounded that his leg was amputated. The other brother had been at the front for about two years, the first brother having enlisted when the war broke out. Butler himself had tried to go, and had enlisted in the 14th Battalion of Montreal, but was later discharged as not being fit to go overseas. The medical board had placed Butler in Class A2. The **tribuna** congratulated Mr. Butler upon his attempt to go to the front, and also upon the record of his brothers. He was exempted without further question.

Trench Newspapers

- Small runs, inconsistent
- Photographs
- Stories
- Humour
- Some personal news items



Post-War/Pension Records



203,500 files, including 860 nursing sisters

1/3 of all who served in uniform

1491 reels of microfilm ... now digitized

War Dead: Memorials and Cemeteries



Cemeteries



- background ... why?
- during the war ... IWGC ... CWGC
- post-war consolidation
- battlefield tourism

Documenting the dead: France and Belgium

- Service record
- Circumstances of
Casualty Registers
- War Grave Registers



Ancestry: Documenting the Fallen

Canada, CEF Commonwealth War Graves Registers, 1914-1919

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Death Day Month Year

Keyword

e.g. teacher or "Hudson Bay"

Unit

Rank

Service number

Search Clear search

Source Information

Ancestry.com. Canada, CEF Commonwealth War Graves Registers, 1914-1919 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.
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Country of Burial

Surname Range

Related data collections

[Canada War Graves Registers \(Circumstances of Casualty\), 1914-1948](#)
These burial ledgers for military personnel can tell you where a soldier is buried and where his next of kin were living.

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Lieut. Alexis Helmer

1. NO.		2. RANK OR RATING		3. SURNAME		4. CHRISTIAN NAME	
		Lieutenant,		HELMER,		Alexis Hannum,	
5. UNIT OR SHIP			6. DATE OF CASUALTY		7. H.Q. FILE NO.		8. RELIGION
1st Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery,			2-5-15.		849-4-2.		Methodist.
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY					10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN		
"Killed in Action."							
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY							
NORTH OF YPRES.							
<small>NOTE—Items 11, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.</small>							
13. CEMETERY		14. LOCATION OF CEMETERY		15. GRAVE LOCATION		16. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE	
				Grave _____			
				Plot _____			
				Row _____			
17. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN			18. REPORTING NO.		19. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO		
<small>20. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF FRONT.</small>							

NUMBER _____ RANK Lieut NAME HELMER, Alexis H. 349-4-2
 UNIT 1 Bde. C. F. A. NEXT-OF-KIN: Lt. Col. R. A. Helmer Deceased
 FILE NO. R.L. 9-H-47 122, Gilmour Street, 20880
 D.G.R. & E. Ref. Ottawa, Ont..

349-4-2

DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE AND PLACE OF DEATH	CAS. SHEET NO.
7. 5. 15.	Killed in action in the Field.	A7B. 2090 A.
DATE OF BURIAL	PLACE OF BURIAL	DESCRIPTION OF GRAVE
2. 6. 15 (?)	<u>Malakoff Farm.</u> <u>White House British Cemetery, Saint-Jean, New U. Grave 27.</u> <u>Memorial cross erected in Memorial Plot, White House St-Jean Brit. Cem. No. of cross 29. Auth. File 349-4-2.</u>	<u>Sh. 28 - 6.19. C. 1.1. cross erected by (G.R.B.) (Obi - Bolge)</u> <u>auth File 349-4-2.</u> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <u>No trace of grave on Research as of 17-12-21. by S.W.S.C. Aut. 349-4-2.</u> </div>

MEMORIAL CROSS



Researching the War Dead and Missing

- Canadian Virtual War Memorial
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- Commemorative and memorial books
- Unit histories – online and published
- Local histories
- Deaths in the UK and at sea



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WAR SPECIAL

No. 18,014

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1918

FOURTH YEAR

ONE PENNY

THE WORLD WAR AT AN END.

STATEMENT by the PREMIER

Historic Document Signed at
5 o'clock This Morning.

HOSTILITIES ENDED AT 11 a.m. TO-DAY

OVERTHROW.

German Republic
Proclaimed.

PEOPLE CONTROL.

Tragedy Go Over to the
New Authority.

FIGHTING IN BERLIN.

British Armed
Forces.

The following is a summary of the news received from Berlin at 11 a.m. to-day. It is the first news received from the German capital since the armistice was signed at 5 o'clock this morning. The news is that the German people have proclaimed a republic and have taken control of the government. The news is that the German people have proclaimed a republic and have taken control of the government. The news is that the German people have proclaimed a republic and have taken control of the government.

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