## Niagara-on-the-Lake WW1 War Dead

## Disclaimer:

This list represents a best-efforts selection of the most appropriate WW1 War Dead to be remembered in this municipality. There are no extant records of those who selected the names to be remembered by the early 1930s. In some cases, the person lived or worked in Niagara-on-the-Lake for only a short time before or during WW1; in other cases, a close relation lived in Niagara-on-the-Lake and apparently influenced the selection. The conditions for selection are likely different than the conditions for other websites because of death date (some people lingered with war-related disabilities for several years), or enlistment place (mostly not NOTL), or which regiment they served in (C.E.F. or B.E.F., since some Canadian residents were not recognized as Canadians in the early part of the war and so were recast as British). Some death dates for those institutionalized after the war for, what we know today as, PTSD or TB, are not well documented. The specific location of each battalion/regiment/medical station when the soldier was killed or died of wounds takes research into war diaries and has not been included in this document. It appears that about half of soldiers died from disease or chronic wounds rather than KIA (or "died of wounds" in the field or medical station shortly thereafter).

## World War One – These are the WW1 War Dead remembered on our cenotaphs and plaques around Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario municipality.

**Archer, William Lawrence** (2 Sep 1883-18 Sep 1931), rank: Hon. Captain & Church of England Chaplain, No. 3324417, was born in London, Ontario to Rev. Robert Henry Archer and Sarah Prince; and married to Caroline Louise McGregor in Kane, Illinois. He was a chaplain at Ridley College, St. Catharines, Ontario, and his son Robert M. Archer was the Rector of Stamford, Ontario. He enlisted into the 81<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the C.E.F. in Toronto, Ontario on 9 Oct 1915; and sailed from Canada on 15 Jan 1916. He returned, unfit for duty, on the SS Olympic through New York on 10 Nov 1918, and was demobilized in Toronto on 27 November that year. He died in 1931 from valvular disease of the heart. During WW1 his parents in 376 Slater St, Ottawa; his widow and mother later moved to St Catharines, Ontario.

**Best, Robert Follett** (29 Dec 1899-18 Feb 1918), rank: Private, No. 3231207, was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario to Thomas Frederick Best and Jane Follett. He enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Depot, Central Ontario Regiment on 19 Jan 1918 in Toronto, Ontario. He was single. He died of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the Base Hospital in Toronto, Ontario, and is buried in St. Mark's Church Cemetery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

**Budd, Harold George** (28 Dec 1890-17 Jan 1917), rank: Private, No. 164431, was born in Petworth, Sussex, England to John Budd and Lucy Lancaster. He emigrated to Canada on the SS Tunisian to Halifax, arriving on 30 Mar 1913. He enlisted in the 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment in Hamilton, Ontario on 4 Oct 1915. He was single. He was died of lobar pneumonia at No. 18 Casualty Clearing Station on 17 Jan 1917, and is buried in Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, near Bethune, Pas de Calais, France. **Cowle, Albert Cyril** (22 Sep 1891-28 Nov 1922), rank: Private, No. 3032019, was born in Essex, England, son of Alfred Cowle and Kate Bridgewell. He enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment in Toronto, Ontario on 5 Jan 1918, and was employed in the NCO Training Depot. He was promoted to Acting Corporal in the Canadian Army Medical Corps Training facility in Toronto in 1918, but his health failed him. He was transferred to the Ogden Military Convalescent Hospital in Calgary, Alberta on 1 July 1919, discharged from the Canadian Army on 4 August 1919, and died of stomach cancer in 1922 in Toronto. After the war, on 17 Dec 1919 in Toronto, he was married to Annie Laccohee, also from England.

**Cowle, Harry Philip** (23 Aug 1892-abt 1920), rank: Private, No. 2355918, was born in Foxdale, Isle of Man, son of Robert Cowle and Annie Fargher. He enlisted in the West Ontario Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Depot, 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion (2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Division) in Windsor, Ontario on 21 Dec 1917, and sailed on the SS Scotian, arriving in England on 6 Feb 1918. Three months later he was granted "permission to marry", and was then immediately transferred to the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion (4th Canadian Reserve, Western Ontario), Canadian Infantry in France. On 4 Sep 1918 he was severely wounded in battle between Verdun and the Belgian coast, and was shipped back to Canada on 19 May 1919. He died shortly thereafter.

**Cudney, Leslie John** (13 Jul 1891-7 Sep 1918), rank: Gunner, No. 334958, was born in Niagara Township, Ontario, son of John B. Cudney and Alvira Dunn of RR #4, St Catharines, Ontario. He enlisted as a Driver in the 64<sup>th</sup> Depot Battalion, transferred to Battery, Canadian Field Artillery Reserve Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Ammunition Column, and then to the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. When a shell dropped near him on 7 Sep 1918, a piece of shrapnel entered his chest; he received attention, conveyed to the dressing station and evacuated to No.4 Canadian Field Ambulance where he died of wounds. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

**Currie, William Perry** (16 Jul 1895-4 May 1915), rank: Gunner, No. 42467, was born in Niagaraon-the-Lake, Ontario, son of Bartlett L. Currie and Martha J. Hainer. He enlisted In Aug 1914 and sailed with the first contingent of the C.E.F. He moved to France on 7 Apr 1915 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, was wounded in action at St. Julien during the first mass poison gas attack by Germany, and died in Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, Hampshire, England. He is buried in the Aldershot Military Cemetery.

**Dey, William S.** (28 Mar 1893-30 Aug 1918), rank: Private, No. 850042, was born in Aberchirder, Banffshire, Scotland, son of John Dey and Elizabeth Auld. Educated at Banff & Wallace Academies, he emigrated to Canada in Apr 1913 and settled in McNab, Ontario where he was engaged in fruit farming. He was single and a Presbyterian. He enlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Canadian Infantry on 19 Feb 1916, and served in France and Flanders from Aug 1917, taking part in severe fighting including Passchendaele Ridge and Arras battles, and died at No. 42 Casualty Clearing Station on 30 Aug 1918 of wounds received in action on the same day. He is buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Aubigny-en-Artois, Pas de Calais, France. **Elkins, William Edgar** (Jun 1889-2 Dec 1917), rank: Lance Corporal, No. 25393, was born in Alderbury, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, England, son of Joseph Elkins and Susan Hopkins. He emigrated to McNab, Ontario in 1912 on the SS Tunisian, but returned to England on 12 Dec 1914 in the SS Lusitania. The infamous sinking of the Lusitania by an enemy torpedo was less than 6 months later on 7 May 1915. Edgar became a gardener. Unlike the other two World War 1 casualties remembered in Christ Church McNab he was married, to Florence May Snook on 16 Sep 1915 in Bemerton, Wiltshire; after he died in Flanders, Florence remarried in 1918. He enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Territorials), Gloucestershire Regiment; he also served in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Gloucestershire Regiments. He is remembered on the Cambrai Memorial to the Missing, Louverval, Nord Pas de Calais, France.

**Green, Adelbert Samuel** (13 Sep 1898-23 Jan 1918), rank: Private, No. 850406, was born in St. David's, Ontario, son of Samuel Joseph Green and Emma Goff. He was single and Methodist. He enlisted in "B" Company, 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Central Ontario Regiment. Whilst on a working party at Lievin, near Lens in northern France, he was seriously wounded by high explosive shell shrapnel in the chest and stomach. He was conscious only a few minutes after being hit and died on reaching the Regimental Aid Post. He is buried in Villers Station Military Cemetery, just west of Souchez, near Vimy, Pas de Calais, France.

**Griffiths, Francis Lloyd** (7 Dec 1893-8 Oct 1916), rank: Private, No. 211050, was born in Queenston, Ontario, son of Francis (Frank) Griffiths and Mary Brown. He was a painter, single and Church of England. He enlisted at Niagara Falls, Ontario on 12 Feb 1916 in the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Ontario Regiment; he sailed from Halifax in SS Lapland on 8 Jul 1916. On 26 Jul 1916 he was stationed in Otterpool, Shepway, Kent. He transferred to the 98<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 7 Sep 1916. He was killed in action in an attack near Courcelette, France in early October of that year, and his body was never found. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Hatt, James George Frederick (10 Jun 1894-4 Jun 1915), rank: Private, No. 11487, was born in Hughenden, Buckinghamshire, England, son of James William Hatt and Eliza Horwood. He emigrated to St. David's, Ontario, was married to Jane (---) and was a Baptist. He enlisted on 22 Sep 1914 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Central Ontario Regiment and went through Valcartier, Quebec; he had previously served 2 years in the 44<sup>th</sup> Lincoln & Welland Canal Force. He died of gunshot wounds in the head at No. 16 General Hospital, Le Treport, Normandy, France. He is buried in Le Treport Military Cemetery.

**Houghton, Ernest** (25 Nov 1893-7 Jul 1917), rank: Lance Corporal, No. 141692, was born in Manchester, Lancashire, England, son of William Henry Houghton and Sarah Ann Lowndes of Creek Farm, St. David's, Ontario. He was a wallpaper printer, single and Church of England. He enlisted on 27 Jul 1915 in Welland, Ontario, and transferred to the 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division (Eastern Canada Regiment). On 17 May 1917 he received severe gunshot wounds to the right shoulder and skull, and was treated at No. 2 Australian General Hospital, Wimereux where he died of these wounds 50 days later. He is buried in the Wimereux Communal Cemetery Extension, near Boulogne, Pas de Calais, France. He is remembered in St. David's-Queenston United Church Cemetery, St. David's, Ontario.

**Houghton, Robert Charles** (24 Sep 1895-15 Aug 1917), rank: Private, No. 800176, was born in Toronto, Ontario, son of British parents, Joseph Houghton and Emma Hadley of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. He was the brother of Tom Hadley Houghton (deceased 1 Oct 1918) and Joseph H. Houghton (MM) who survived the war. He was single and Church of England. He enlisted on 18 Feb 1916 in the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment and sailed from Halifax in SS Scotian on 8 Aug 1916; in Apr/May 1917, now in France, he was sick with diarrhea and spent time in hospital, but on 7 Jun 1917 he transferred back to his Battalion. He was reported missing, presumed dead in battle at Hill 70 on 15 Aug 1917, but his body was never found. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, and in St. Mark's Church Cemetery in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**Houghton, Thomas (Tom) Hadley** (31 Dec 1889-1 Oct 1918), rank: Private, No. 50765, was born in Toronto, Ontario, son of British parents, Joseph Houghton and Emma Hadley of Niagara-onthe-Lake, Ontario. On 16 Oct 1913 he was married to Bertha A. Hayden of Rocky River, Ohio, USA; he was a tinsmith and metal pattern maker, and was Church of England. He was the brother of Robert Charles Houghton (deceased 15 Aug 1917). He enlisted on 10 Jun 1915 in the Canadian Army Medical Corps (No.4 Canadian General Hospital) and served with the 12<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion in Salonica, Greece. Wanting to be with his brother Private Joseph H. Houghton (No. 11660) he transferred to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment in France. He was killed in action after leaving the "jumping-off" point, during an attack at Sancourt, near Abancourt (7 km N of Cambrai, France), and is buried in Sancourt British Cemetery, Nord Pas de Calais, France.

**Kelson, John Mortimer** (25 Oct 1876-3 May 1917), rank: Sergeant, No. 210494, was born in Westham, Sussex, England, son of Thomas Mortimer and Harriet Annie Barlow Thrupp of Hayward's Heath, England. He was married to Margaret Isabella (Isobel) Durfey of Winona, Ontario, was a fruit grower, and Church of England. He enlisted on 15 Dec 1915 in Welland, Ontario into the 98<sup>th</sup> Battalion, transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, and sailed from Halifax on 8 Jul 1916 in SS Lapland. After arriving in France, he had mumps in No. 7 General Hospital in St. Omer in Feb 1917, he rejoined his unit in March. He was promoted to Sergeant on 17 Apr 1917. On 3 May 1917, in an attack west of Arleux-en-Gohelle, he was killed in action, but his body was never found. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

**Leggatt, Frederick (Fred) Alexander** (12 Dec 1893-3 Nov 1917), rank: Gunner, No. 317933, was born in Co. Donegal, Ireland, son of Charles and Mary Leggatt of Belfast, Ireland. He was a Methodist, a carpenter and lived in Virgil, Ontario at the start of the war. He enlisted on 4 Feb 1916 at St. Catharines, Ontario in the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, but was transferred ten days later to the 49<sup>th</sup> Battery, 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade, and then to the 84<sup>th</sup> Battery, 16<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. He spent training time in Petawawa, Ontario in May 1916 and then Milford Camp, Surrey, England in September 1916. He was killed in action on 3 Nov 1917 near the France-Belgium border, and is buried in Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, west of Ypres, West Flanders, Belgium.

**Longhurst, Herbert** (3 Aug 1887-14 May 1917), rank: Gunner, No. 83679, was born in Niagaraon-the-Lake, Ontario, son of James Walter Longhurst and Mary Ellen Gray (later Mrs. Charles Smith). He was Methodist, and a locomotive fireman. He enlisted on 30 Nov 1914 at Toronto, Ontario in the 14<sup>th</sup> Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery; and sailed to England on 20-30 May 1915. He embarked for France on 14 Sep 1915 from Southampton. He was accidentally wounded on the forehead in October 1916 but returned to duty in November. On 6 May 1917 he received severe gunshot wounds to the head, arm and chest, and died at No. 13 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne 8 days later. He is buried in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Pas de Calais, France.

**Lowrey, Edwin Wright** (25 Jan 1895-11 May 1916), rank: Lance Corporal, No. 109459, was born in St. David's, Ontario, son of Edward David Lowrey and Rose Evelyn Wright. He was a grocer, single and Methodist. He enlisted in Toronto, Ontario into the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment. He had previously served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Dragoons. He went to the front with the 2<sup>nd</sup> contingent. About 3 a.m. on 11 May 1916, while in a trench at Sanctuary Wood he was severely wounded by a shell which exploded in the trench, losing both legs and one arm, and receiving a severe wound in the side. His wounds were dressed and he was taken to No. 9 Canadian Field Ambulance. He remained conscious until about 15 minutes before his death which occurred about 1 ½ hours after being wounded. He was buried in Maple Copse Military Cemetery, Zillebeke, near Ypres, West Flanders, Belgium.

**MacKay, John** (15 Dec 1889-31 Oct 1917), rank: Sergeant, No. 177083, was born in Urray, Rossshire, Scotland, son of William MacKay and Mary Ann Grant. He emigrated with his parents to St. David's, Ontario. He was a student at McGill University, single and Presbyterian. He enlisted on 4 Oct 1915 in Montreal, Quebec in the 87<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Canadian Grenadier Guards), Canadian Infantry, sailed for England in Oct 1916 and served in France from Mar 1917. He had previously served in the McGill Battalion. He contracted pulmonary tuberculosis at Vimy Ridge in Feb 1917 and died in the Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario 8 months later. He is buried in St. David's United Church Cemetery, Ontario.

**McCoy, Charles** (25 May 1897-unk.), rank: Private, No. 3311127, was born in Windham, Ontario, son of James McCoy and Margaret Jane Daly. He was a farmer, single, and Methodist. He enlisted on 14 May 1918 at Brantford, Ontario into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Ontario Regiment. His discharge on 28 Jun 1918 in Niagara Camp, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario led to his placement in the Hospital of Insane in nearby Hamilton.

**McLeod, Arthur Edward** (27 Jul 1895-21 Dec 1924), rank, Private, No. 850096, was born in St. David's, Ontario, son of Kenneth McLeod and Emily Hornsby (later Mrs. Saidla in Pittsburgh, PA). He was a canner and Presbyterian; and married on 15 Sep 1920 to Gladys A. Doughty, living in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He enlisted on 23 Feb 1916 in Niagara Falls, Ontario into the 176<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons. He sailed from Halifax on SS Olympic on 29 Apr 1917; and

transferred to the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Infantry. On 10 Aug 1918 he was reported to be a Prisoner of War, but was released in Dec 1918. He had influenza in Dec 1918, but recovered. He died of pulmonary tuberculosis in Hamilton, Ontario on 21 Dec 1924.

**McLeod, William** (29 Dec 1888-abt 1922), rank: Private, No. 3311512, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of James McLeod and Mary Jessie. He was a blacksmith, and Presbyterian. He enlisted on 30 Oct 1917 in Toronto, Ontario into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Ontario Regiment, and after a medical check at Niagara Camp he sailed from Halifax on 15 Aug 1918 to join the 8<sup>th</sup> Reserve, Canadian Corps Headquarters in Bramshott, Hampshire, England. He also served in F. (France) Wing Commonwealth Communications Council in England, but returned to Canada in Jul 1919.

**Nelles, Norman Cummings** (20 Dec 1893-29 Jan 1915), rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, was born in Brantford, Brant, Ontario, son of Brig. Gen. Charles Macklem Nelles and Ida Maud Mary Walker of "Oaklands", Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. He attended the Royal Military College of Canada (Cert. No.: 27721) from 26 Aug 1912 to 16 Sep 1914. Already with a commission by the outbreak of the war, he sailed to England and enlisted into the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. He was killed during artillery action on 29 Jan 1915, but his body was not recovered. He is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial, Richebourg-l'Avoue, North Pas-de-Calais, France.

**Nisbet, Walter Langdon** (20 Jan 1880-23 May 1915), rank: Private, No. 147, was born in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, son of John Alexander Nisbet and Janet Ford (later of Detroit, Michigan) of Niagara-on-the-Lake. He enlisted into the 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Canadian Militia. He was married to Mary Reidman Ovens; they had two children, Janet F. and John Alexander, both born in South Africa. He died of phthisis or pulmonary tuberculosis on 23 May 1915 while in service, and considered due to service conditions, after about 6 weeks of suffering. He is buried in the Niagara-on-the-Lake United Church Cemetery.

**Peters (Petrzywalski), Edmund** (11 Jun 1890-16 Apr 1916), rank: Private, No. 3803, a Polish Canadian born in New Cross, SE London, England, son of Jules Peters and Mame (---) of Forest Hill, SE London, England. He was a shipping clerk, and single. He enlisted on 5 Aug 1915 at Niagara Camp into the Canadian Cavalry Depot, Royal Canadian Dragoons. He then sailed immediately to England, being there in Sep 1915. He got bronchitis in late 1915 and influenza in early 1916, but recovered from both. He was killed in action on 16 Apr 1916 and is buried in Serre Road Cemetery No. 2, Somme, France.

**Rennie, James** (13 Mar 1884-9 Aug 1918), rank: Private, No. 210753, born in Longside, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, son of Alexander Rennie and Mary Ann Brown of Balbeggie, Perthshire, Scotland. He emigrated to Ontario through Quebec City on SS Scotian in Jun 1912; was a labourer, single, and Presbyterian. He enlisted on 29 Oct 1915 in Welland, Ontario into the 98<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Lincoln & Welland Regiment; and was transferred into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment, and sailed from Halifax in SS Lapland on 8 Jul 1916. He had also served in the 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment. In France, now in the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, he was slightly wounded in the right arm in May 1917; and he had influenza in Jun 1918. While taking part in the attack on Lemaire Wood, SE of Amiens on 9 Aug 1918, he was hit in the back by enemy machine gun bullets; stretcher bearers rendered first aid and he was taken to a dressing station and evacuated to No.5 Casualty Clearing Station where he died of his wounds. He is buried in Crouy British Cemetery, Crouy-sur-Somme, NW of Amiens, France.

**Rossiter, William Edward (Ted)** (19 Mar 1889-16 Sep 1916), rank: Private, No. 56022, born in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, England, son of Elizabeth Rossiter and her partner William Henry Hayes. He enlisted on 12 Nov 1914 in Toronto, Ontario into the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment; he sailed from Montreal on the SS Scandinavian on 13 May 1915. He was an iron worker, single and Church of England. In mid 1916 he suffered from pyrexia and an abscess, and was temporarily relieved of duty. He was killed in action on 16 Sep 1916 at the rear of the Sugar refinery in Courcelette, France, but his body was never found. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

**Ryan, Gordon Blake** (2 Jul 1893-31 Jan 1916), rank: Bugler, No. 193453, born in Toronto, Ontario, son of William Ryan and Jane Norrie of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. He was a grocer, single and Church of England. He enlisted on 20 Sep 1915 in Niagara Camp into the 92<sup>nd</sup> O.S. Battalion (48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders). After moving to Toronto he contracted influenza and was admitted to the Canadian Stationary Hospital, Ex. Camp in Toronto on 21 Jan 1916. He developed measles and broncho-pneumonia and died there 10 days later. He did not reach Europe and is buried in the family plot in St. Mark's Church Cemetery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

**Shepherd, Edwin Charles** (11 Nov 1878-26 Oct 1917), rank: Lieutenant, born in York Township, Ontario, son of Edwin Henry Shepherd and Alice Nichols of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. He was Church of England, and married on 1 Jul 1909 to Ellen (Nellie) Gertrude Richardson of North Bay, Ontario. He enlisted on 10 Mar 1916 in North Bay into "A" Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment. He held the rank of Major, but reverted to Lieutenant in order to go to the front. He was killed in action by a sniper's bullet when leading his platoon to the attack at Bellevue Spur near Passchendaele, Flanders on the morning of 26 Oct 1917, but his body was not found. He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West Flanders, Belgium and in a family plot in St. Mark's Church Cemetery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

**Thomas, Reginald** (18 Sep 1897-11 Nov 1917), rank: Private, No. 210906, born in Chippenham, Wiltshire, England, son of Henry (Harry) Thomas and Mary Ann Wellingham of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. He emigrated to Niagara via Montreal on 17 Aug 1910 on SS Fort Erie; was a farmer, single and Church of England. He enlisted on 16 Dec 1915 in St Catharines, Ontario into the 98<sup>th</sup> Battalion, but transferred to the 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment; and sailed on 8-25 Jul 1916 in SS Lapland from Halifax. He was killed in action in France exactly one year before Armistice Day, but his body was not found. He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West Flanders, Belgium.

**Thompson, Charles William** (27 Apr 1888-26 Jun 1918), rank: Private, Nos. 207044/3106179, born in Buffalo, NY, USA, son of Robert Henry Thompson and Mary Knights of Fort Erie, Ontario. He was a teamster, single, and had been a deserter for which he was charged from Jun 1916. He enlisted on 15 Dec 1917 in Toronto, Ontario into the 1<sup>st</sup> Depot Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Ontario Regiment; and later transferred to the 97<sup>th</sup> Battalion. However, in Jun 1918 at Niagara Camp he contracted broncho-pneumonia and died in the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup>. He did not reach Europe and is buried in St. Paul's Anglican Churchyard in Fort Erie, Ontario.

**Wilmott, James William** (1887-12 May 1915), rank: Private, No. 8249, born in East London, England, son of James Wilmott and Elizabeth Day, and arrived in Quebec on 10 Jun 1910 in the SS Sicilian. He was a farm labourer, Church of England, and married to Eva Bolton on 27 Mar 1911 in Toronto. He was enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment, British Expeditionary Force. He was killed in action at the Second Battle of Ypres in France, but his body was not found. He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West Flanders, Belgium. A medal was given to the family of Private Jim Wilmott, Niagara Township, in 1919 by the Niagara Historical Society for serving in the First World War.

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WW1 War Dead								
Surname	First names	Army or RCAF	Rank	Village	Single or Married	Religion	Age (Death)	Died In Action
ARCHER	William Lawrence	A	Chaplain/Capt.	N	M	A	48	N*
BEST	Robert Follett	A	Private	N	S	A	18	N*
BUDD	Harold George	A	Private	N**	S	A	26	Ν
COWLE	Albert Cyril	А	Private	N**	S	А	31	N*
COWLE	Harry Philip	А	Private	N**	М	А	27	Y
CUDNEY	Leslie John	А	Gunner	Н	S	U/M	27	Y
CURRIE	William Perry	А	Gunner	Ν	S	U/M	19	Y
DEY	William S.	А	Private	М	S	Р	25	Y
ELKINS	William Edgar	А	Lance Corporal	М	S	A	28	Y
GREEN	Adelbert Samuel	А	Private	D	S	U/M	19	Y
GRIFFITHS	Francis Lloyd	А	Private	Q	S	А	22	Y
HATT	James	А	Private	D	М	В	20	Y
HOUGHTON	Ernest	А	Lance Corporal	D	S	А	23	Y
HOUGHTON	Robert Charles	А	Private	Ν	S	А	21	Y
IOUGHTON	Tom Hadley	А	Private	Ν	М	А	28	Y
ELSON	John Mortimer	А	Sergeant	N**	М	А	40	Y
EGGATT	Frederick Alexander	А	Gunner	V	S	U/M	23	Y
ONGHURST	Herbert	А	Gunner	Ν	S	U/M	29	Y
OWREY	Edwin Wright	А	Lance Corporal	D	S	U/M	21	Y
ЛАСКАҮ	John	А	Sergeant	D	S	Р	27	Ν
McCOY	Charles	А	Private	Ν	S	U/M	33	N*
VICLEOD	Arthur Edward	А	Private	D	М	Р	29	N*
VICLEOD	William	А	Private	Ν	S	Р	33	N*
NELLES	Norman Cummings	А	2nd Lieutenant	Ν	S	А	21	Y
NISBET	Walter Langdon	А	Private	Ν	М	U/M	35	Ν
PETERS	Edmund	А	Private	Ν	S	C	25	Y
RENNIE	James	А	Private	N**	S	Р	34	Y
ROSSITER	William Edward (Ted)	А	Private	М	S	А	27	Y
RYAN	Gordon Blake	А	Bugler	Ν	S	А	22	Ν
SHEPHERD	Edwin Charles	А	Lieutenant	Ν	М	А	28	Y
HOMAS	Reginald	А	Private	N	S	А	20	Y
HOMPSON	Charles William	A	Private	N	S	A	30	N
WILMOTT	James William	A	Private	N	M	A	28	Ŷ
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