

In Memory of

Private

Edward George Arnold

6885, 1st Bn., Canadian Infantry who died on 06 April 1917 Age 23

Son of Mary and the late Edward Arnold, of Altrincham, Cheshire, England.

Remembered with Honour

Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Private Edward George (Ted) Arnold

Ist Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Western Ontario Regiment

Died: 6 April 1917

Age: 23

How Died: Killed in Action

Country of burial: France

Cemetery or Memorial: Ecoivres Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi, Pas de Calais

Town Memorial: Altrincham

Extra Information:

Born on the 3rd September 1893 during the December quarter 1893 in the Altrincham R.D. - ref: 8a/152, the only son of Edward Arthur & Mary Arnold (nee Simpson).

1901 Census - 20 Rostherne Street, Altrincham. Son - aged: 7 - born: Altrincham. Head of household - Edward Arnold - Married - aged: 58 - occ: Gardener (Domestic) - born: Peckham, London. Also Mary Arnold - Wife - aged: 30 - born: New Ferry, Cheshire. Plus 1 younger sister and his paternal grandmother.

His father died in 1902, aged: 37.

1911 Census - The Lowe Farm, Ashley, Cheshire. Servant - aged: 19 - occ: Goes with Milk Cart - born: Altrincham. Head of household - Henry Lowe, farmer aged: 73, plus his family and a number of young farm hands. His widowed mother - Mary Arnold, aged: 40 is residing at 15 Rostherne Street, Altrincham at this time along with his younger sister.

Member of the Presbyterian Sunday School. When he was 19 years of age he emigrated to Canada working on a farm when war broke out.

His Canadian attestation form, signed on the 22nd September 1915, at Valcartier, Quebec, states that he was 22 years of age, 5 feet 7½ inches in height, had a 34 to 36 inch chest (fully expanded). His complexion was: fair,

his eyes: blue and his hair: fair. The papers also state that he was a Miner by trade and that he had never previously served in any military force.

Religion - C of E. He was unmarried and his mother - Mrs. Mary Arnold, 15 Rostherne Street, Altrincham, Cheshire, was listed as his next of kin.

He had been at the front for 2 years before he was killed. Killed 3 days prior to the big Canadian Battle for Vimy Ridge.

Commemorated on the private family gravestone in Hale Cemetery which states that he was with the 1st Canadian Trench Mortar Bn.

His father, Edward died 31/07/1902 aged 37 years and his mother, Mary died 23/05/1949 aged 80 years.

Listed in the Guardian Year Book - Roll of Honour for 1918.

Memorials found on:

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Altrincham

St. John's Church, Altrincham

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour



Edward's Grave in Ecoivres Cemetery, France

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UNIT

1st Battalion

Regimental No.

6885

ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? George Edward Arnold
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Althincham, Cheshire
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mary Arnold
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 15, Rotherham St., Althincham, Eng.
5. What is the date of your birth? Sept. 3rd 1893
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Miner
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
(If so, state particulars of former Service.)
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-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

(sig.) George Edward Arnold (Signature of Man).
 (sig.) R. E. N. Barron (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, George Edward Arnold, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions 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-Seas 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 Sept 22 1914 (sig.) George Edward Arnold (Signature of Recruit).
 (sig.) R. E. N. Barron (Signature of Witness).

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, George Edward Arnold, 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 honestly 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.

Date Sept 22 1914 (sig.) George Edward Arnold (Signature of Recruit).
 (sig.) W. F. Thwaites (Signature of Witness).

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned 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.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at

Valcartier this 22nd day of Sept 1914
 (sig.) F. W. Hill (Signature of Justice).

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

(sig.) F. W. Hill (Approving Officer).
ofc. 1st Bn

MW

Description of George Edward Arnold on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 22 years _____ months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to this effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height 5 ft 7 1/2 ins.

Chest measurement: Girth when fully expanded 36 ins.

Range of expansion 2 ins.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue

Hair Fair

Religious denominations: Church of England

Presbyterian _____

Wesleyan _____

Baptist or Congregationalist _____

Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.) _____

Roman Catholic _____

Jewish _____

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date Sept 22nd 1914 (right) J. C. Weston

Place Valcartier Capt. C. K. M. C. Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

George Edward Arnold having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

(right) J. W. Hill (Signature of Officer.)

Date _____ 191

J. C. Hill
ofc. 1st Bn

Edward's Canadian Attestation Papers