

Private William Storie
Regimental number: 101582
3rd Canadian Machine Gun Corps

born: about 17 January 1894 - died: 8 September 1918

Private William Storie was born on 17 January 1894 in Hawick, Scotland,¹ the son of Robert and Jane Storie.² Robert was born in about 1855 in Jedburgh, Roxburghshire and his wife, Jane, was born in about 1857 in Selkirk, Selkirkshire. Robert and Jane probably had at least five children: Robert (born in about 1881), Andrew (born in about 1884), James (born in about 1886), William and Alexander (born in about 1899). In 1901, the family was living at 2 Carnarvon Street in Hawick, Roxburghshire where Robert was a lorryman.³ In 1911, William was a grocer's assistant in a retail shop.⁴ His father Robert, was still a lorryman, working for a coal merchant. The family was living at 6 Oliver Crescent.

The following year, at the age of 18, William immigrated to Canada.⁵ He sailed from Liverpool to St John, New Brunswick on the Lake Manitoba, arriving on 29 March 1912. He was a grocer and, on arrival, he travelled by train, heading to Hamilton, Ontario.

Just over three years later William was preparing to return to England to contribute to the war effort. On 28 December 1915, he enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in Edmonton, Alberta.⁶ He was 5'7" tall and had a clear complexion, grey eyes and light brown hair. He was Presbyterian. When he died, he was serving in the 3rd Canadian Machine Gun Corps.⁷

On 8 September 1918, William was admitted to the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with a compound fracture of his right thigh.⁸ He died the same day and was buried the following day in the Duisans British Military Cemetery (Grave 43, Plot 5, Row H) with the chaplain A. D. Reid presiding. It was Honorary Captain and Chaplain Reid's first day back after leave.⁹ William's father was identified as his next-of-kin and was notified of his death.

Duisans British Military Cemetery is located in Etrun, near Arras, in France. The first burials took place in the cemetery in March 1917.¹⁰ The 1st CCCS arrived at the beginning of September and was stationed near Duisans for two months in the autumn of 1918.¹¹ A total of 75 patients died at the 1st CCCS in September.

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⁴ "1911 census," ScotlandsPeople (<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>; accessed 15 October 2015), entry for Robert Storrie, District City: Harwick, County: Roxburgh, GROS Data: 789/00 002/00 011

⁵ "Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk; accessed 7 October 2015), entry for William Storrie

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⁸ Ibid.

⁹ "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31"

¹⁰ "Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun," Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org; accessed 7 October 2015)

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