

Sapper Clifford Morrison
Regimental number: 2007261
5th Battalion, Canadian Engineers

born: 18 July 1897 - died: 26 September 1918

Sapper Clifford Morrison was born on 18 July 1897 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, the son of Tom Morrison.¹ No other information was found about his family.

He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force on 7 January 1918, when he was 20 years old. He was a carpenter, living at 177 Hastings Street East in Vancouver. He was 5' 6¾" tall and had a dark complexion, gray eyes and black hair.

On 18 September – just nine months after he signed up – Clifford was admitted to the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with shrapnel wounds to his neck, arm and right shoulder.² He survived for a week, but succumbed to his wounds on 26 September and was buried that day in Duisans British Military Cemetery (Grave 1, Plot 7, Row A) with the chaplain A. D. Reid presiding. His next-of-kin was his aunt, Mrs George Markel, who lived in Northfield Station, Ontario. She 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 1917.³ The 1st CCCS arrived at the beginning of September and was stationed near Duisans for two months in the autumn of 1918.⁴ A total of 75 patients died at the 1st CCCS in September 1918.

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¹ "Canada, Soldiers of the First World War, 1914-1918," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk; accessed 20 December 2015), entry for Clifford Morrison

² "Record of Deaths, 17 February 1916 - 10 February 1919, a record maintained at No. 1 CCCS," *Library and Archives Canada*, (records accessed 2013 & 2016), Record Group 9, series IIC10, volume 4556, Record number 667

³ "Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun," Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org; accessed 7 October 2015)

⁴ "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* (http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FINDD&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html&r=1&f=G; accessed 17 June 2015)