

**Lance Sergeant Norman Emerson Kaufman<sup>©</sup>**  
**Regimental number: 652115**  
**1st Canadian Infantry Battalion (Western Ontario Regiment)**

**born: 29 March 1897 – died: 21 October 1918**

Norman Emerson Kaufmann, son of John Kaufmann and Catherine Wiedner, was born in Carrick Township, Bruce County, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> Both his parents were born in Ontario, his father in Woolwich Township, his mother in Carrick. John Kaufman married Katherina Wiedner in Carrick, 25 May 1886.<sup>2</sup> According to the 1901 Census of Carrick, German was the mother tongue for all members of the Kaufman household.<sup>3</sup>

By trade, Norman Kaufman was a tinsmith. At Mildmay, Ontario, on 29 March 1916, Kaufman enlisted with the 160th Battalion (Bruce). In July 1916 at the military hospital in London, Ontario, Kaufman was diagnosed with coryza (a nasal infection). Kaufman's unit arrived in England in late October 1916. He was appointed lance corporal in December 1916, then acting corporal in July 1917 and reverted to private in February 1918. In March 1918, his unit arrived in France. They became part of the 1st Battalion in September 1918.<sup>4</sup>

According to the war graves registers, L/Sergeant Kaufman's wounds were shrapnel wounds to the left wrist and to the stomach. He died from those wounds at the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 21 October 1918.<sup>5</sup> By that time, his unit had advanced as far as Grand Bray in France.<sup>6</sup>

As the armies moved through France, correspondingly, the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station was on the move. When L/Sergeant Kaufman arrived at the clearing station, it was well established in Agnez-lès-Duisans. Despite the "great difficulty in getting transport to move necessities forward," the clearing station was relocated 45 kilometres to Auberchicourt by 29 October 1918. In addition to the move, the clearing station treated many wounded soldiers. In the month of October, 48 Canadian deaths were recorded at the clearing station; 33 Imperial soldiers and two others also died.<sup>7</sup>

L/Sergeant Kaufman's remains were buried in the Duisans Military Cemetery in Etrun, France.<sup>8</sup> Duisans Cemetery takes its name from the nearby village of Duisans in the Department of Pas-de-Calais. According to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, there are now 3,207 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated at the cemetery. His brother, Frank E. Kaufman, also served with the army in France.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Ontario, Canada, Births, 1869-1913," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca): accessed 18 July 2016), entry for Norman Emerson Kaufmann

<sup>2</sup> "Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 18 July 2016), entry for Katherina Weidner, Marriage county or district: Bruce

<sup>3</sup> "1901 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca): accessed 18 July 2016), entry for Norman E Kaufman, Province: Ontario, District: Bruce (east/est), District number: 48, Sub-district: Carrick, Sub-district number: B-5

<sup>4</sup> "Service Files of the First World War, 1914-1918 - CEF," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/first-world-war-1914-1918-cef/Pages/list.aspx> :

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accessed 18 July 2016) entry for Norman Emerson Kaufman: RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 5006 - 33, Item number: 483950, Digitized service file - PDF format: B5006-S033

<sup>5</sup> "Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914–1948," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 18 July 2016), entry for Norman Emerson Kaufman, Service number: 652115

<sup>6</sup> "War diaries - 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://data2.archives.ca/e/e043/e001074657.jpg> : accessed 18 July 2016), Reference: RG9, Militia and Defence, Series III-D-3, Volume/box number: 4913, File number: 352, Copied container number: T-10705

<sup>7</sup> "War diaries - 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://data2.collectionscanada.ca/e/e061/e001509500.jpg> : accessed 11 July 2016), Reference: RG9, Militia and Defence, Series III-D-3, Volume/box number: 5032, File number: 838, Copied container number: T-10921

<sup>8</sup> "Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914–1948," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 18 July 2016), entry for Norman Emerson Kaufman

<sup>9</sup> "Service Files of the First World War, 1914-1918 - CEF," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/first-world-war-1914-1918-cef/Pages/list.aspx> : accessed 18 July 2016) entry for Frank E Kaufman: RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 5006 - 19, Item number: 483936, Digitized service file - PDF format: B5006-S019