

Private Frederick Aldrich McIntyre[©]
Regimental number: 318784
280th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

born: about 1888 – died: 1 February 1919

Private Frederick Aldrich McIntyre was born in about 1888 in Govan, Lanarkshire, Scotland.¹ He was the son of John and Margaret McIntyre. His father John was born in about 1844 in Inveraray, Argyllshire, and his mother Margaret in about 1852 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire.² They probably had at least eight children: Margaret E. (born in about 1869), Robert (born in about 1870), John Jr. (born in about 1876), Catherine E. (born in about 1878), Dugald (born in about 1882),³ Isabella (born in about 1886), Frederick Aldrich, and James (born in about 1890).⁴

In 1891, Fredrick and his family were living at 26 Melville Street in Govan. His father was a cloth lapper—a textile worker who “moved the yarn from the carding machine to the next process in weaving.”⁵ In the 18th and 19th centuries, the textile mills were a key industry in Govan.⁶ Ten years later, they were at the same address.⁷

Fredrick enlisted in the Army Service Corps⁸ but was serving with a siege battery of the Royal Artillery Garrison when he died.⁹ Siege batteries were “. . . employed in destroying or neutralising the enemy artillery, as well as putting destructive fire down on strongpoints, dumps, store, roads and railways behind enemy lines.”¹⁰

It is not known when he went to the Western Front, but Fredrick probably saw quite a bit of the war, leading up to the signing of the armistice. After that, his unit moved to Germany. On 28 January 1919, Fredrick was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, where he died four days later of influenza. January 1919 at No. 1 CCCS was a month of steady medical work, mostly influenza cases, very many accompanied by bronchopneumonia.¹¹ In spite of the horrific number of soldiers killed in World War I, the influenza pandemic, which affected the whole world and scourged Europe in 1918–1919, killed more people than the war itself.¹² Only nine died at No. 1 CCCS in February 1919 and, by the end of the month, the station had moved through Étapes to Shorncliffe, in England, ready for demobilization.¹³

Fredrick was buried on 4 February 1919 in Popplesdorfer Cemetery (Grave 18, Plot B) in Friedhof, Bonn, with the Canadian chaplain W. Fisher presiding. This mother, who was living at 40 Bridge Street in Glasgow, was his next of kin; she was notified of his death and received the monies owing to him from the army upon his death.

Some time later, his body was exhumed and moved to the Cologne Southern Cemetery (Grave Reference: Plot XII, Row E, Grave 7). Almost 2,500 soldiers from the Great War are buried or commemorated in the Commonwealth plots at the Cologne Southern Cemetery. Commonwealth forces occupied Cologne from December 1918 and the cemetery was used by the occupying garrison. In 1922, it was decided to bring together all the graves of Commonwealth servicemen in Germany into four cemeteries, of which the Cologne Southern Cemetery was one. The graves of those buried in the Poppelsdorf cemetery in Bonn were included. This took place over the course of the following year.¹⁴

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