

Private David Gladstone Hind[©]
Regimental Number: 157595
3rd Battalion, Canadian Infantry

born: January–March 1886 – died: 6 March 1918

David Gladstone Hind¹ enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) on 15 September 1915.² At that time he was 29 years of age and was married to Annie Chisam Davidson Hind (b.1893). Annie and David lived at 232 North Lisgar Street in Toronto, where David was working as a builder and chauffeur. David was 5 feet 6¾ inches with dark brown hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion. They were members of the Church of England.³

Both Annie and David were from Cumberland, England, but were married in St. Mathias Angelica Church in Toronto.⁴ They travelled together to Canada on the SS *Corsican*, arriving in Montreal on 1 August 1913,⁵ and were wed later that month in Toronto.⁶ On the passenger list, Annie was noted as a domestic and David as a carpenter.⁷

David was born in Cockermouth, Workington, Cumberland, to John Thomas Hind (b. 1864) and Margery Farquarson Hind (b. 1863).⁸ His birth was registered in the first quarter of 1886. John and Marjorie had two other children,⁹ William (b. 1889) and Nellie (b. 1892).¹⁰ In the 1891 Census, John was working on the railway and living at 61 Victoria Road, Workington, with his wife, two children and his father-in-law, David Farquarson.¹¹ In the 1901 Census, Marjorie and John are no longer listed as living together. David was living with his mother, siblings and grandfather. Marjorie is listed as the Head of the household. There were two boarders residing in the household and David, at age 15, was apprenticing as a carpenter.¹² Marjorie is still listed as married and the Head of the household at the time of the 1911 Census. David's father, John, could not be located in either the 1901 or 1911 censuses.¹³

David trained with the CEF from September 1915 until April 1916, when he sailed from Halifax on the SS *Olympic* on 1 May 1916 with the rest of the 81st Battalion.¹⁴ They disembarked in Liverpool less than one week later and were deployed to West Sandling. By mid-June 1916 David was appointed as an acting lance corporal.¹⁵ He remained an acting corporal for the next month and reverted to private before being transferred to the 18th Canadian Battalion and deployed to the field in France in July 1916.¹⁶

In October 1916, during the battle of the Somme, David was admitted to the 133 Field Ambulance Unit suffering from shell shock after being buried in the field.¹⁷ He was returned to duty ten days later.¹⁸

At the beginning of April 1917, David was assigned to the 4th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery and by 9 April 1917 he was again listed as wounded in the field, suffering from concussion and shell shock.¹⁹ He was sent to No. 1 Convalescent Depot in Boulogne, now also suffering from general impetigo.²⁰

He rejoined his unit on 19 April 1917, where he remained until September, when he was granted 10 days of leave in England. He returned to the field at the beginning of October, where he rejoined his Mortar Battery.²¹

On 3 March 1918 David Hind was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with shrapnel wounds in the arm, left thigh and abdomen. One of his wounds penetrated his left auricle and he died three days later on 6 March 1918. He was 33 years of age.²² Initially no papers accompanied his admittance to the clearing station, so his wife was not advised of his death until 13 March 1918.²³

David was buried on 3 March in the Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, 2½ miles southwest of Noeux-les-Mines, France. He is buried in Plot 3, Row E, Grave 12.²⁴

Barlin is a village southwest of Bethune between the Bethune-Arras and Bethune-St. Pol roads. The Communal Cemetery and Extension lies to the north of the village on the road to Houchin.

The extension was begun by French troops in October 1914 and when they moved south in March 1916, it was used for burials by the 6th Casualty Clearing Station, largely for Commonwealth casualties. In November 1917, Barlin began to be shelled and the hospital was moved back to Ruitz. The extension was used again in March and April 1918 during the German advance on this front. It was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and contains 1095 Commonwealth, 63 French and 13 German burials from the First World War.²⁵

David's widow, Annie, remarried in November 1919 to a widower, Ernest Neal.²⁶ They remained in Toronto, where they raised a family.²⁷

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¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ Ibid.

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