

**Private Victor Sargeant, MM©**  
**Regimental number: 886564**  
**46th Battalion, Canadian Infantry**

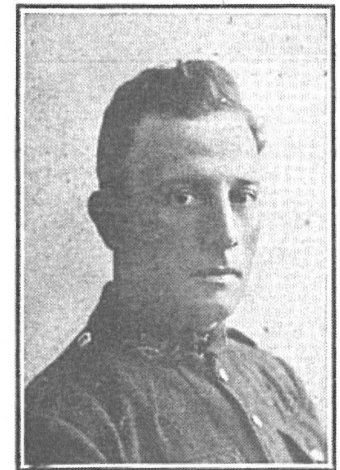
**born: 1 September 1887–died: 2 November 1918**

Victor Sargeant was born on 1 September 1887 in Bracknell, Berkshire, England,<sup>1</sup> the ninth of 14 children born to John Frederick and Martha Sarah Sargeant. His siblings were Elizabeth Martha (b. 1877), Catherine (b. 1879), Alice Marian (b. 1880), John (b. 1881), William Wheeler (b. 1883), Ruth (b. 1884), Caroline Margaret (b. 1885), Gordon (b. 1886), Wilfred Palmer (b. 1889), Adeline Dora (b. 1890), Robert Emery (b. 1891), May (b. 1893), and Donald (b. 1894).<sup>2</sup>

John Frederick Sargeant was a well-known solicitor, a senior partner in the Wokingham, Berkshire, firm of Sargeant and Hays at the time of his death; in addition, he held many responsible offices, such as Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the district. He was also a regular worshipper at the Congregational church and an earnest temperance reformer.<sup>3</sup> He married, in 1877, Martha Sarah Emery, the daughter of a property owner.<sup>4</sup> John Frederick lived till 1920<sup>5</sup> while Martha Sarah survived till 1937.<sup>6</sup>

Victor was 17 when he left for Canada in 1905 with his younger brother Wilfred.<sup>7</sup> His occupation is given as labourer. In 1906 he is found as a hired man on a farm in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.<sup>8</sup> When in 1909 he returned to England through Montreal to Liverpool, his occupation is listed as farmer.<sup>9</sup> He came back to Canada, and to Prince Albert, less than four months later,<sup>10</sup> this time with younger brother Robert. By the time of the 1911 Census he had moved south from Prince Albert to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, still farming.<sup>11</sup>

In April 1916 Victor enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) at Prince Albert.<sup>12</sup> His address was given as Red Deer Hill, which is just south of Prince Albert, and his occupation was given as farmer. He was 28 years old and 5' 10" tall, and was assigned to the 188th Battalion, Canadian Infantry.



Pte. VICTOR SARGEANT, Holly Bank, Bracknell.—Wounded.

On 26 September 1916, while stationed at Camp Hughes, Manitoba, Victor signed a will leaving all his real estate and personal estate to his mother. Camp Hughes was a training camp designed specifically to recreate the tactics and conditions of the war overseas.<sup>13</sup> It contained trenches, rifle ranges, grenade training grounds, artillery observation posts and a cemetery.

Shortly afterward (on 12 October) Private Victor Sargeant and his unit sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the SS *Olympic*, arriving in England a week later. At the end of November, he was transferred from the 188th Battalion to the 46th Battalion, and he joined his new unit in Bruay, Northern France, on 5 December 1916, along with 76 other new recruits.<sup>14</sup> This went some way to filling the identified shortfall of 15 officers and 157 other ranks (ORs). The 46th Battalion became known as the "Suicide Battalion," due to the losses it suffered in some of the bloodiest encounters of the war.<sup>15</sup> Of the 5374 men in the battalion, 4917 were either killed or wounded.

In April 1917, Private Sargeant and the 46th Battalion took part in the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in which all four Canadian divisions came together for the first time and attacked the German-held high ground.<sup>16</sup> The assault was successful, but at a high cost: 3598 men were killed and 7004 wounded. For the 46th Battalion there were 65 ORs killed and 151 wounded.<sup>17</sup>

One of those wounded was Private Sargeant, with gunshot wounds to his right side. He was evacuated back to England and treated at the Bethnal Green Military Hospital in London. After about four weeks he was transferred to the Bearwood Wokingham Canadian Convalescent Hospital, where he spent a further two weeks. It may or may not have been a coincidence that his parents still lived in Wokingham.<sup>18</sup>

Private Sargeant was discharged from hospital on 2 June 1917, taken on strength by the 19th Reserve Battalion, and subsequently, on 14 October, transferred to the 15th Reserve Battalion in Bramshott, Surrey. It was 28 March 1918 before he returned to the 46th Battalion in France.

On 1 November 1918 the 46th Battalion played a central role in the Battle of Valenciennes, the last major French city still under German control.<sup>19</sup> The operation was a success, taking control of the city. However, the battalion lost 35 ORs killed and 87 wounded.<sup>20</sup>

One of the wounded was Private Victor Sargeant, who was part of the grenade section.<sup>21</sup> When advancing on Aulnoy during the morning of 1 November, he was struck by shrapnel in the left arm, right hip, right side and face. This was the same action in which Sergeant Hugh Cairns, also of the 46th Battalion, earned the last Canadian Victoria Cross of the war.<sup>22</sup> Private Sargeant himself was awarded the Military Medal for his brave actions on that day.<sup>23</sup>

He was taken immediately to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, where he succumbed to his wounds the next day, 2 November 1918. He was buried that day in the Auberchicourt British Military Cemetery (Grave 3, Plot 1, Row B).<sup>24</sup> The inscription on his grave reads:

“SAFE IN HIS LOVING ARMS”

Auberchicourt, a village about 12 km to the east of Douai, was occupied by Commonwealth troops in October 1918. The Auberchicourt British Cemetery, which is just west of the village, was set up at the end of October and was used until February 1919, while the 6th, 23rd and 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Stations were located nearby.

As well as receiving the Military Medal, Private Victor Sargeant was awarded the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre) and the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918).

As noted earlier, Victor was one of 14 children, seven sons and seven daughters, who all survived to adulthood. Five of the seven sons emigrated to Canada before the war;<sup>25</sup> only William and Donald, the youngest, remained in England. A local newspaper reported that when duty called to defend the old country, all five of the Canadian-resident sons answered the call, as well as the two in England, though two of the sons were not accepted. Also, two of the daughters were among the first lady carpenters to go to France and work at Calais for upwards of 12 months.<sup>26</sup>

In 1901, **John Jr.**, the oldest son, had left home and was working as an apprentice engine fitter in Sunderland, England, at age 19.<sup>27</sup> By 1914 his brother William's attestation papers note that John, along with brothers Gordon and Victor, was in Canada, address unknown.<sup>28</sup> No military record was

found for John. In May 1915, during the war, he returned to England<sup>29</sup> and is next found going back to Canada after the war in May 1921.<sup>30</sup> In this record it is noted that he left Canada in May 1915, and under "Why left Canada" it is written "to work on munitions." It thus appears that John was one of the brothers who were not accepted into the military but supported the war effort by working on munitions.

John, intending to reside in Canada, travelled to Vancouver in 1921 to stay with his sister Alice, who was living in North Vancouver with her husband and two sons.<sup>31</sup> His occupation is given as engineer. He was still living in Vancouver in 1927.<sup>32</sup> No further record has been found for him.

**William**, two years younger than John, was living at home in 1901 with his parents and 12 other siblings.<sup>33</sup> The household had a governess and two servants. William was working as an apprentice at an iron foundry. In 1908, by then a mechanic, he travelled to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan,<sup>34</sup> where Victor was living.

Evidence of William's return trip to England has not been found, but by 1911, William was back living in Wokingham with his family, working as a commercial traveller.<sup>35</sup> Three years later, shortly after the start of the war, William enlisted and was assigned to the Royal Garrison Artillery.<sup>36</sup> However, after 15 months, he was discharged "with a view to his joining the RNVR," or Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. No such RNVR or other military record was found, but a newspaper article on the funeral of his brother Robert in March 1915 records him as being with the Royal Flying Corps.<sup>37</sup>

In 1916 William and older brother John joined the (UK) Guelph Lodge of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons,<sup>38</sup> and in 1917 William married Annie C. Harper,<sup>39</sup> the daughter of a bootmaker.<sup>40</sup> In 1921 William was living with his father-in-law in London, and his occupation was "vulcanist,"<sup>41</sup> so he was possibly working in rubber to help with the bootmaking business. In 1939, however, he was a licensed victualler in a public house in the St. Pancras district of London.<sup>42</sup> William died in 1968.<sup>43</sup>

**Gordon** was three years younger than William. At age 15 he was living at home with his parents and large family,<sup>44</sup> but two years later, in 1903, still only 16, he left England to go to Canada,<sup>45</sup> the first of the brothers to do so. His occupation was given as miner. He sailed back to England in 1907, now listed as a farmer,<sup>46</sup> but only stayed three months before returning to Canada,<sup>47</sup> to Prince Albert.

In August 1914 Gordon enlisted at Edmonton, Alberta.<sup>48</sup> His trade was listed as stationary engineer. He was assigned to the 4th Battalion Canadian Infantry. His unit sailed from Canada on 3 October 1914 and after some training in England was posted to France in February 1915.<sup>49</sup> The 4th Battalion took part in the Battle of Ypres, in which Private Gordon Sergeant was severely wounded in the right arm and shoulder by a piece of a shell. He was evacuated to England, where he spent three months in Netley Hospital, another month in Taplow, and further time in the Oxbridge Convalescent Hospital in Shorncliffe. After being discharged, he was transferred between various units before joining the Canadian Military Police in December 1917. He was appointed acting corporal but reverted to private in June 1918. He also developed an egg-sized tumour on his neck, which was excised.

Gordon returned to Canada in January 1921, his destination listed as being with his brother Wilfred, who was working on Vancouver Island with the Granby Mining Company.<sup>50</sup> He lived in Canada until his death in 1980 at the age of 94.<sup>51</sup>

**Wilfred**, a year younger than Victor, was also just 16 when he accompanied his brother to Canada.<sup>52</sup> In 1906 he is recorded as a hired man on a farm near Prince Albert, not far from Victor.<sup>53</sup> No military record has been found for him during the war years, so Wilfred may have been the other brother who was not accepted into the military.

In 1922 Wilfred married Esther Rose Oliver in Nelson, British Columbia.<sup>54</sup> He was a resident of Cassidy, on Vancouver Island,<sup>55</sup> and as noted above was working for the Granby Mining Company. She was the daughter of a fruit grower from Kootenay West.<sup>56</sup> Just over a year later, the couple emigrated from British Columbia to Washington State, USA,<sup>57</sup> and in 1930 they were living in Hoquiam, Washington, where Wilfred was a hardware salesman.<sup>58</sup>

In 1939 Wilfred married again, wedding Irene Beard.<sup>59</sup> However, his first wife, Esther, was still alive. Shortly before Wilfred's remarriage, Esther was admitted to the Essondale, B.C., Provincial Mental Hospital, where she spent the next seven and a half years until her death in January 1947.<sup>60</sup> The Registration of Death form lists the cause of death as renal tuberculosis, and records that she suffered from manic depressive psychosis.<sup>61</sup> Wilfred lived with his second wife in Tacoma, Washington, working as a paint salesman.<sup>62</sup> He died in 1972, aged 83.<sup>63</sup>

As mentioned above, **Robert** emigrated to Canada with his older brother Victor in 1910. However, by the start of World War I he was back in England. Britain declared war on Germany on 4 August 1914,<sup>64</sup> and 17 days later Robert enlisted in Reading and was assigned to the Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA).<sup>65</sup> He was undergoing training with his unit, the 9th Heavy Battery of the RGA, at Odiham, Hampshire, when he contracted cerebrospinal meningitis.<sup>66</sup> He was admitted to the Tring Military Hospital, but died two weeks later, on 28 February 1915. He was given a military funeral.<sup>67</sup>

The youngest brother, **Donald**, was a 16-year-old law student in 1911.<sup>68</sup> During the war, he enlisted (date unknown) in the same unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery as his brother Robert, the 9th Heavy Battery.<sup>69</sup>

He entered as an acting bombardier, but became first a lieutenant and then a captain, receiving his commission on 11 October 1915.<sup>70</sup> He landed in France on 12 May 1915, and received the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre) and the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) for his service. He also received the 1914–15 Star, for service in any theatre of the war in 1914–15.

Donald Sargeant was in Tanganyika, East Africa, when he died on 27 January 1924, at the age of 30.<sup>71</sup> He was the Assistant Inspector of Police.<sup>72</sup> He had travelled from London to Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanganyika, at the end of 1920.<sup>73</sup> The British government had begun to establish a formal police service in Tanganyika in 1919,<sup>74</sup> so it is likely that Donald was part of this initiative. His mother would have still been alive to learn about the death of her third son to die young.

Victor's eldest sister, **Elizabeth**, was cited as living at home with her parent(s) in every census from 1891 to 1921, with no recorded occupation until the 1921 Census, when at the age of 43 she is listed as a clerk working for the Wokingham Rural District Council.<sup>75,76, 77, 78, 79</sup> However, in October

#### ONE OF FOUR SOLDIER SONS.



Only three months after joining the Army, Robert Sargeant, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, fell a victim to the dreaded "spotted fever," and his death at the age of 23 aroused intense sympathy in Wokingham, his home. He was a keen footballer and cricketer and a general favourite. He was one of four brothers who had answered the nation's call to arms and whose Christmas Day visit to the Poor Law Institution, where they sang the National Anthem in the wards, is still affectionately recalled by the inmates. "Robin's" portrait is inset in the above photograph, which shows the funeral procession on the way to Easthampton Church. [Photo by C. E. May.]

#### Robert Sargeant Funeral

Source: Wokingham Virtual Museum

1925 she travelled to North America, to join up with her mother, who had left for Canada three months earlier in June, visiting first Vancouver, where her children John (see above) and May (see below) were living, and then crossing into the USA at Seattle in October to visit her daughter Alice in San Diego.<sup>80</sup>

Elizabeth travelled first to Vancouver on the *SS London Importer* via the Panama Canal, and the Canada Incoming Passenger List for that trip documents that Elizabeth had visited Canada before in 1911, and stayed for five years with her sister Alice and her husband in Vancouver.<sup>81</sup> Elizabeth spent two or three days in Vancouver in November 1925, then crossed into the USA to join her mother and Alice, who was now living (see below) in San Diego.<sup>82</sup> Elizabeth and her mother returned together to Vancouver in April 1926,<sup>83</sup> then back to England in August.<sup>84</sup> After her mother's death in 1937, Elizabeth continued to live in the family home in Wokingham with her widowed sister Catherine.<sup>85</sup> Elizabeth died, unmarried, in 1973, aged 95.<sup>86</sup>

The second daughter, **Catherine**, married Montgomery Laumann, an auctioneer, surveyor, and estate agent,<sup>87</sup> in 1904.<sup>88</sup> In 1907 Montgomery moved to Canada, and in 1911 he was recorded as a farmer in Humboldt, Saskatchewan,<sup>89</sup> while Catherine was still in England living with her parents,<sup>90</sup> together with their daughter, Peggy, born in 1907.<sup>91</sup> By December 1920, however, Catherine was living in Vancouver, where she was granted a divorce from her husband<sup>92</sup> and custody of Peggy, their only child.

Catherine immediately returned to England, arriving on 3 January 1921.<sup>93</sup> Three months later she remarried, to Frederick Inman Sharp,<sup>94</sup> a steward on ships in the merchant service.<sup>95</sup> She continued living in the family home with her mother and sisters Elizabeth and Ruth.<sup>96</sup> Frederick died in 1938,<sup>97</sup> while Catherine lived at home until her death in 1945.<sup>98</sup>

**Alice** was a year younger than Catherine and was living at home with her parents in 1901.<sup>99</sup> Also recorded there in the 1901 Census was Hubert J Cuttall (mis-transcribed as Buttell), a civil engineer born in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, and Alice married him two years later.<sup>100</sup> He became the manager of the Victoria Stone Works in Groby, Leicestershire, and in 1906 he and Marian were seriously injured in a road accident when his pony and trap was run down by a horse and van going too fast.<sup>101</sup>

In April 1910 Hubert emigrated to Canada, accompanying Wilfred, who was returning to Canada.<sup>102</sup> Alice followed six months later<sup>103</sup> with their son Reginald, born in 1904.<sup>104</sup> They resided in Vancouver<sup>105</sup> until 1923, when they moved to California.<sup>106</sup> Alice died in 1942, aged 61.<sup>107</sup>

**Ruth** was four years younger than Alice. In 1910 she married Arthur Reginald Woodward,<sup>108</sup> who was a Church of England clergyman.<sup>109</sup> In 1911 he was the curate for Heversham in Westmoreland, and was then appointed Rector of Roborough, Plymouth, from 1912 to 1913, and Vicar of Tunstead, Norfolk, from 1913 to 1915.<sup>110</sup> *Crockford's Clerical Directory* reveals no further appointments for him. Ruth was recorded at the family home, without Arthur, for the years 1920–24.<sup>111, 112</sup> Interestingly, she was recorded in her maiden name of Sargeant in 1920, but as Woodward for the other three years; the 1921 Census lists her as married. Arthur visited a friend in the United States for seven months in August 1921,<sup>113</sup> returning in April 1922.<sup>114</sup> No further record has been found for either of them.

**Caroline** was a year younger than Ruth. In 1911 she was living at her parents' family home, with her occupation given as nurse.<sup>115</sup> That same year she accompanied her sister Elizabeth to Canada.<sup>116</sup> No further definitive records have been found for her.

**Adeline** was five years younger than Caroline. She married John Waldemar Schleicher, an officer in the merchant service and nine years older than her, in 1914.<sup>117</sup> Schleicher was on active service during the war and received the Mercantile Marine Ribbon, the Mercantile Marine Medal, and the British Medal for his service.<sup>118</sup>

In 1920 Schleicher petitioned for divorce, citing Ernest Kelly as the co-respondent.<sup>119</sup> Ernest Kelly was a Canadian dental surgeon, who signed up with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in June 1915 and served with the Canadian Dental Corps in Canada, England and France during the war.<sup>120</sup> He attained the rank of major. At the end of 1919, both Ernest and Adeline travelled from England to Canada on the RMS *Empress of France*.<sup>121</sup> By 1921 they were living together as husband and wife in Hamilton, Ontario.<sup>122</sup> Adeline died in 1971, aged 81.<sup>123</sup>

John and Martha's youngest daughter was **May**. In 1911, at age 19, she accompanied her mother to Canada; Martha was travelling to Vancouver "to [visit] five sons."<sup>124</sup> May appears to have stayed, as her entry in the 1921 Canadian Census lists her year of immigration to Canada as 1911.<sup>125</sup> She did return to England in 1915,<sup>126</sup> accompanied by her brother-in-law J.H. Cuttell. In England she married Stanley C Fawcus in 1917.<sup>127</sup> He, too, had emigrated to Canada in 1911.<sup>128</sup>

Stanley Fawcus enlisted in Vancouver on 2 December 1914<sup>129</sup> and was initially assigned to the 29th Battalion of the CEF as a private. He had previously served three years with the naval volunteers. However, while in England in 1915 he was "discharged for the purpose of accepting a commission," which he duly received in the North Staffordshire Regiment, where he became a lieutenant.<sup>130</sup> His character was described as "sober, clever, intelligent and industrious."

After the war the couple returned to Vancouver, where Stanley worked as an engineer.<sup>131</sup> Stanley died from a heart attack on his way to work in 1951, aged 65. He was a cable system designer for BC Electric.<sup>132</sup> May lived another 18 years, passing away in 1969, survived by her two sons and two brothers, Gordon and Wilfred.<sup>133</sup>

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