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Cyril Thompson

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 761246

World War I

Born: 17 Feb 1879

Place of Birth: Bareneed, Newfoundland

Parents: George Henry and Diana Thompson

Cyril was working and living in Vancouver, British Columbia when he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force on April 18th, 1916. It seems that Cyril had moved there from Newfoundland, with him was his widowed mother.

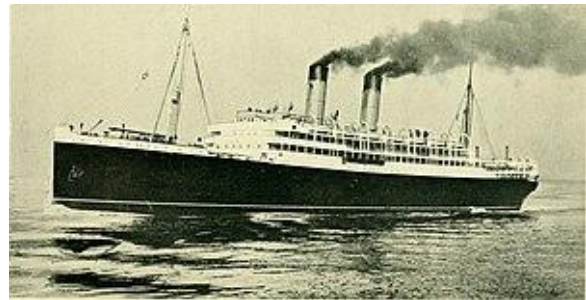
Cyril is described in his enlistment papers as being 37 years old, single, a cook and fisherman by trade. He stood 5' 11 ½ " tall, weighted 167 lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes. He gave his religion as Methodist (Salvation Army) and was not able to read

or write since a notation on the official attestation documents notes that it was read and explained to Thompson, he then provided his mark X which was witnessed by another officer.

Cyril would spend over two (2) and a half years in service and during that time, he was plagued with multiple hospitalizations suffering from Bronchitis and Myalgia. These conditions would eventually lead to a discharge in early 1918.

Here are some entries contained in his official service record:

1. 28 – 11 – 16: Arrived in England aboard the **RMS Empress of Britain**



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2. 08 – 12 – 16: TOS (taken on strength) of 7th Battalion
3. 10 – 02 – 17: Over the next week or so, Cyril spent time in several field hospitals
4. 05 – 05 – 17: In hospital again. Discharged several months later
5. 06 – 02 – 18: Granted permission to marry. Married Alice Coupe (born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England in 1888).
6. 12 – 03 – 18 Embarked for Canada from Liverpool
7. 01 – 08 – 18: Discharged.

Following his discharge, Cyril built a life in British Columbia with wife Alice and daughter.

Cyril passed away in April 1932 at the age of 52. He is buried in the Fraser Cemetery, New Westminster, British Columbia