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Harold Albert Russell
Canadian Expeditionary Force
1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery
Regimental No. 43768
World War I

Born: 19 April 1888

Died: 15 August 1917

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Isaac and Elizabeth Ann Russell

Harold was twenty-six (26) years old when he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) . The date was September 25, 1914, and the location was Valcartier, Quebec.

Harold's enlistment documents provide a record of Harold physically and other personal information about him as recorded in 1914. Physically, Harold stood 5' 8" tall, weighed 165 lbs, was of fair complexion and

had brown hair with blue eyes. He gave his occupation/trade as sailor, had tattoos on both forearms and was Methodist by faith.

The information provided below comes directly from his service record. It provides a timeline of events by date, event and location of the day to day life experienced by Harold while in service:

1. 24 - Sep -1914: Enlisted at Valcartier.
2. 12 - Feb - 15: Embarked on board the S.S. Rosetti
3. 27 - Feb - 15: Absent for 10 days and forfeited 14 days pay
4. 27 - Jul - 15: Absent again for 5 days and forfeited 8 days pay
5. 25 - Sep - 15: To #3 CCS (Casualty Clearing Station
6. 29 - Sep - 15: To #22 general hospital at Camiers
7. 29 - Sep - 15: To #9 Stationary hospital at Havre
8. 20 - Oct - 15: Discharged
9. 31 - Oct - 15: TOS (taken on strength) of 1st DAC (Divisional Ammunition Column)
10. 18 - Nov - 15: Rejoined unit from hospital
11. 22 - Nov - 15: Granted leave from 09 - Jan - 16 to 18 - Jan - 16
12. 16 Feb 1916: To #4 Station Hospital (St. Omer)
13. 14 Feb 1916: Attached to Canadian Engineers (France)
Returned to unit
14. 08 Mar 1916: To Canadian Base Depot
15. 30 Apr 1916:" Tried and convicted of disobeying a lawful order and sentenced to 2 years hard labour"
16. Sentence of 2 years commuted to 3 months.

17. 21 Aug 1916: Posted to 12th Bde
(Brigade) CFA (Canadian Field
Artillery)
18. 13 Sep 1916: Admitted to #29
general hospital
19. 10 Oct 1916: Discharged
20. 31 Mar 1917: TOS (taken on
strength) from 12th Bde CFA
21. 18 Apr 1917: Admitted to #3
Canadian Field Ambulance
22. 23 Apr 1917: Discharged
23. 19 Aug 1917: Killed in action

Here is the actual newspaper entry from the
local paper called the Guardian:

*“Friday, January 11, 1918: No. 43768
driver HAROLD A. RUSSELL of the First
Brigade Canadian Field Artillery, son of Mr.
Isaac Russell, Country Road, was killed in
action while serving his gun at Loos,
France, August 15th, 1917, a shell explosion
in the gun pit. He was buried with Military
Honors, August 16th in the Noeux-les-Mines
Communal Cemetery.”*