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Isaac George Mercer

Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 126484

World War I

Born: 07 Sep 1883

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts

Parents: Edward and Kezia Mercer

Isaac's attestation (enlistment) papers provide a substantial amount of information about him. He enlisted on the 15th of September 1915 at Galt, Ontario. He was married and gave his trade as a Machine hand woodworker (machinist). He stood 5' 8" tall, weighed 145 lbs, had black hair and grey eyes. He had a two distinguishing marks, a mole on his right shoulder and a scar on his right calf according to his medical examination.

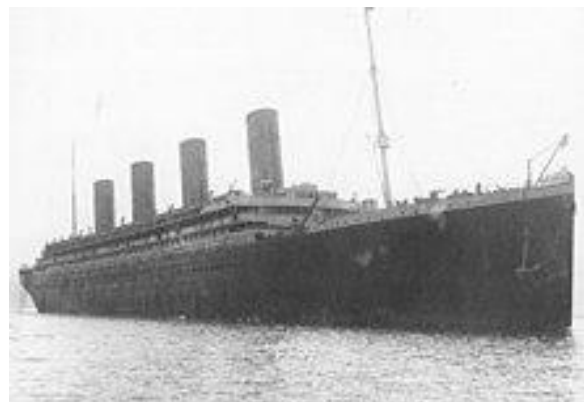
He was presbyterian by faith and had previous military experience of 3 years in

the 31st Regiment of Owen Sound. His address upon enlistment was Branchton, Ontario.

Isaac's military began on 15 Sep 1915, when he enlisted and ended on 17 Jan 1919, when he was discharged from H.M.S. (His Majesty's Service). His discharge was later amended to 29 Jan 1919 to read discharged "medically unfit."

The following are selected entries from his service record of almost three and a half (3 ½) years of service:

1. 15 Sep 1915: Enlisted at Galt, Ontario
2. 01 Apr 1916: Sailed from Halifax on the SS Olympic



SS Olympic

3. 11 – Apr – 16: Disembarked at Liverpool
4. 27 – Jun – 16: In hospital Connaught, Aldershot. Complaining of severe stomach pain
5. 01 – Aug – 16: Discharged
6. 06 – Oct – 16: Transferred to 46th Battalion from the 51st . "The unit known as the 51st battalion will be designated "The Garrison Battalion."
7. 18 – Jan – 1917: Transferred to Prov. Battalion and taken on strength of 78th Battalion

8. 21 – Jan – 17: Transferred to Regiment Depot
9. 12 – Oct – 17: Awarded Good Conduct Badge
10. 07 – Dec – 18: Sailed for Canada on the SS Olympic
11. 07 – Dec – 18: TOS (taken on strength) # 1, DD at London, Ontario
12. 17 – Dec – 18: Posted to Cas Company
13. 17 – Dec – 18: Granted furlough and subsequent leave to 10 Jan 19
14. 11 – Jan – 1919: Medical board at London confirmed that Isaac was suffering from Myalgia affecting his arm and legs. This condition was caused by a service condition. The recommendation was that he be discharged being medically unfit
15. 17 – Jan – 1919: Discharged from H.M.S. (His Majesty's Service)
16. 29 – Jan – 19: Entry of 17 – 01 – 1919 amended to read discharged "medically unfit."

Following his discharge from service, Isaac becomes untraceable. What is known is that he was married to a lady by the name of Emma and that they lived in the province of Ontario.

The final resting place cannot be confirmed but there is a possible gravesite for Emma at the Bridgeport Memorial Cemetery, Kitchener. There is an Emma Mercer buried there having died in 1955. She is noted as the beloved wife of George Mercer but no gravesite for George can be found in that cemetery.

This, of course, is pure speculation at this point and is a best guess scenario until more conclusive information comes to light.