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Thomas Tremlett Mercer
211th Overseas Battalion of the
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Regimental No. 258262
World War I

Born: 25 April 1884

Died: 1971

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Alfred and Susanna Mercer

Thomas was thirty-two (32) years old when he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) at Victoria, British Columbia on May 22nd, 1916. He gave his address at that time as being Seattle, Washington, USA.

When he enlisted, he gave his trade as carpenter and his religious affiliation as Church of England. He was described as being 5 feet 4 inches in height, of a fresh

complexion, with light brown hair and blue eyes and weighing 138 lbs.

Excerpts from Thomas' service record by date include:

1. 15 – 12 -16: Embarked Canada, Halifax
2. 28 – 12 – 16: Disembarked England (Liverpool)
3. 03 – 01 – 17: Appointed Corporal
4. 03- 03 – 17: Appointed A/Sgt at Witley
5. 19 – 03 – 17: SOS (struck off strength) of 211th Battalion on transfer to Canadian Railway Troops Depot
6. 21 – 03 – 17: Transferred to 8th Battalion CRT
7. 10 – 04 – 17: Reverts to Pte (Sapper)
8. 30 – 05 – 17: Appointed A/Sgt with pay
9. 30 – 05 – 17: Arrived France
10. 04 – 08 – 17: To be Lieutenant in the field
11. 22 – 12 – 17: Granted 14 days leave
12. 12 – 01 – 18: Returned from leave
13. 01 – 02 – 19: SOS (struck off strength) 8th Battalion on transfer to CRT pool
14. 02 – 02 – 19: TOS CRT pool from 8th Battalion
15. 30 – 01 – 19: Transferred to England for demobilization and posted to CRTD (Canadian Reserve Training Depot)
16. 10 – 07 – 19: TOS permanent Cadre. Transferred to "R" wing
17. 06 – 09 -19 : Transferred to CEF Canada
18. 06 09 – 19: Sailed for Canada on board the SS Minnekahad



SS Minnekahda was a transatlantic ocean liner that was launched in Ireland in 1917 and scrapped in Scotland in 1936. She was laid down in 1914 but the First World War delayed her completion. Because of the war she was completed in 1918 as a troop ship, and then worked as a cargo ship.

Following his discharge from the CEF, Thomas appears in the United States Federal census of 1940. At fifty-six (56), he is living in Glenn, California and working at his trade as a carpenter. He is married to Nellie Myrtle (Fisher) Mercer, a lady born in Washington. She is forty-eight (48). They have two children, Jack and Nettie. The couple seem to be doing well since they own their home and have a hired hand working for them.

Thomas passed away in 1971 and is buried in the Perris Valley Cemetery in California. Nellie died just three (3) years later in 1974.