



William Albert Dawe MC MM
Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force
Service No. 28159
World War I

Born: 11 Aug 1891

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Albert and Ellen Dawe

William enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the spring of 1915, March 22 of that year to be exact. He signed up in British Columbia, where he was living at the time. From his enlistment papers, it is learned that William:

- Was 23 years old
- A student (presumably at university)
- Was single
- Physically stood 5' 7" tall
- Had grey eyes & medium hair
- Was Anglican
- Has a scar on his right forearm

- Had previous military service, having served six month's with the B.C. Horse unit

William's service record dates from his enlistment on 22 Mar 1915 to his discharge on 21 Dec 1918, a period of 3 years and 10 months. During his service, William was promoted to the rank of Captain, was wounded several times, was awarded the Military Medal (for bravery in the field) and the Military Cross for his outstanding service.

His service record reads as follows by date:

1. 03 Oct 1916 : Temporary Lieut. posted to 7th Battalion
2. 17 Feb 1917: Granted 10 day leave of absence
3. **13 Apr 1917: admitted to No. 10 general hospital Boulogne, France with GSW (gunshot wounds) to right arm and shoulder and suffering from trench fever**
4. 20 Apr 1917: invalid wounded and attached to BCRD (British Columbia Regimental Depot) at Seaford
5. 17 Apr 1917: Admitted to Reading War Hospital
6. 17 Apr 1917: Awarded the Military Cross (MC). Posted in the London Gazette 30023)
7. 21 Mar 1917: Transferred to the BCRD
8. 06 Aug 1917: on command at CTS Bexhill
9. 24 Aug 1917: Posted to BCRD
10. 26 Oct 1917: Returned from the CTS and posted to the 7th Battalion
11. 20 Oct 1917: Arrived England
12. 05 Feb 1918: Granted 14 day leave of absence

13. 08 Mar 1918: Admitted to No. 20 general hospital with a sprained ankle
14. 07 Jun 1918: To be temp. Captain with the 7th Battalion
- 15. 02 Sep 1918: Admitted to #8 Red Cross hospital Boulogne with several GSW and shrapnel wounds to abdomen and head.**
16. 04 Sep 1918: Admitted to 1st. Western general hospital Liverpool
17. 13 Sep 1918: Invalid wound and attached to BCRD
18. 08 Oct 1918: Admitted to Totnes Convalescence Officers Hospital
19. 24 Oct 1918: Posted to HQ London pending return to Canada
20. 07 Nov 1918: Transferred to the CEF
21. 21 Dec 1918: SOS (struck of strength), Demobilized.

Service notations:

- 07 Apr 1916: Promoted to Lance Corporal
- 30 Apr 1916: Promoted to Lance Sergeant
- 31 Aug 1916: Promoted to Sergeant
- 14 Sep 1916: Awarded the Military Medal (MM) for bravery in the field
- 30 Oct 1916: Given a temporary commission as Lieutenant.
- 17 Apr 1917: Awarded the Military Cross (MC)
- 07 Jun 1918: Promoted to Captain

William would return to British Columbia and marry Eleanor (Johnson) Dawe. They would make their home in the Wilson Creek area.

This True Canadian Hero passed away on 25 Jan 1961, at the age of 69. He is buried in the Ocean View Burial Park in Burnaby, British Columbia