



**William Barrett**  
**Canadian Expeditionary Force**  
**Regimental No. A10766**  
**World War I**

**Born:** 02 Oct 1889

**Place of Birth:** Frenches Cove, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

**Parents:** John and Eliza Barrett

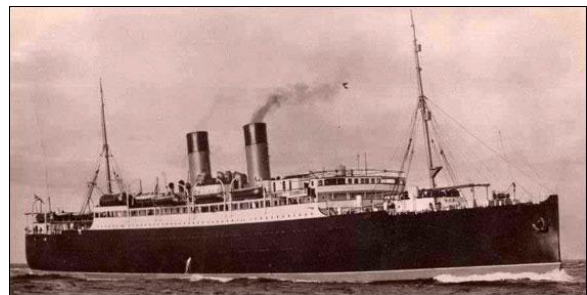
William was working as a labourer in Smiths Falls, Ontario at the time of his enlistment on 13 February 1915.

His enlistment papers paint a picture of this 25 year old Newfoundlander who stood only 5'4" tall, weighed 152 lbs and was described as having a dark complexion with dark hair and blue eyes. He was single and of the Anglican faith.

Upon satisfactory completion of the traditional medical, which took place in Ottawa on 27 Mar 1915, he was pronounced fit for overseas service and attached to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion for a brief time. He was transferred to the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force.), then to the 12<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion and eventually to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Brigade.

William's service record contains the following entries:

- 1) 13 Feb 1915: Enlisted and attached to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion
- 2) 27 Mar 1915: passed medical at Ottawa
- 3) 28 Mar 1915: Attested and transferred to the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion
- 4) 24 Jun 1915: Embarked Halifax aboard the HMTS Missanbie



**HMTS Missanbie**

- 5) 04 Jul 1915: Arrived Plymouth, England
- 6) 06 Jul 1915: TOS (taken on strength) drafted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion overseas CIB (Canadian Infantry Brigade)
- 7) 07 May 1916: Granted leave
- 8) 14 May 1916: Rejoined Unit
- 9) 11 June 1916: "missing since operations 03 Jun 16 to 08 Jun 16"
- 10) 06 Jun 1916: "Killed in Action"

Private William Barrett (Number A/10766) of the 2nd Battalion (East Ontario Regiment) of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, having no known last resting-place, is commemorated on the stone of the Menin Gate, Ypres (today Ieper): Panel reference 10-18-26-28

There is a memorial stone found in the old St. Matthews Anglican Cemetery, Bay Roberts.

The Stone Inscription Reads:

“Erected by his father  
In Loving Memory of his son  
Pte William Barrett  
2nd Battalion 1st Canadian Brigade  
who was killed in action June 2, 1916  
age 27 years.”



“Death Penney” presented to the family of Pte William Barrett (on display at Br. 32).



WW I Medals awarded posthumously to Pte William Barrett (on display at Branch 32).