

# Robert Walker Brown

**Service Number:** 474099

**Rank:** Private

**Branch:** 72nd Battalion

**Year Served:** 1915 - 1917

**Summary:** Robert Brown born in Strathroy, ON was a farmer in Rosetown, SK before he attested to the 72nd Battalion on March 3, 1916. Brown was awarded the Military Cross on March 13, 1918. He was wounded by a gun shot wound to the knee shortly after on August 9, 1918. He was treated for injuries and discharged and returned to Canada on January 18, 1919.

**Name:** Robert Walter Brown

**Birth Date:** September 11, 1891

**Relatives:** Mother - Caroline Brown

**Address:** Born - Strathroy, ON. Lived - Rosetown, SK.

**Attestation Date:** March 3, 1916

**Death Date:** c. 1974

<b>Date</b>	<b>Particulars</b>
<b>Card</b>	474099 Pte Robert Walter Brown 72 <sup>nd</sup> Btn CEF, Date of Service 12 Aug 1916, RR#2 Mount Brydges ON, Elrose Sask
<b>3 Mar 1916</b>	Farmer from Rosetown Sask attested in Saskatoon Sask Born Strathroy ON 11 Sept 1891, Next of Kin mother Caroline Brown of Mount Brydges ON, No previous military experience, Medical clear, 5'8" Fair complexion, brown eyes, light brown hair. Presbyterian
<b>18 Jun 1916</b>	Sailed from Halifax on Empress of Britain
<b>13 Mar 1917</b>	Admitted 22 <sup>nd</sup> Gen Hospital Camiers
<b>13 Mar 1917</b>	Inv wd ported to BCRD Seaford
<b>22 Jul 1917</b>	Discharged from 3 <sup>rd</sup> CCD ( <i>Canadian Command Depot</i> ) Seaford
<b>26 Jul 1917</b>	TOS ( <i>Taken on Strength</i> ) 1 <sup>st</sup> Can Reserve Btn Seaford
<b>14 Sep 1917</b>	TOS 72 <sup>nd</sup> Btn Etaples France
<b>22 Sep 1917</b>	TOS CCRC
<b>29 Sep 1917</b>	Rejoined unit (72 <sup>nd</sup> )
<b>13 Mar 1918</b>	<b>Awarded Military Cross</b> London Gazette 13 Mar 1918 supplement number 30573
<b>9 Aug 1918</b>	Shrapnel wound to left knee
<b>11 Aug 1918</b>	Shrapnel Wound left knee admitted 3 <sup>rd</sup> Australian General hospital Abbeville France
<b>11 Aug 1918</b>	GSW ( <i>Gun Shot Wound</i> ) to knee Abbeville
<b>15 Aug 1918</b>	Evacuated on Jan Breydel to Brit Col Regimental hospital Seaford
<b>17 Aug 1918</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> B'ham W H Rednal
<b>18 Aug 1918</b>	Admitted 3 <sup>rd</sup> Australian General Hospital
<b>25 Aug 1918</b>	TOS on posting to 1st Canadian Reserve Battalion Seaford
<b>19 Oct 1918</b>	PPCRC Hospital Bexhill
<b>25 Nov 1918</b>	Discharged
<b>25 Nov 1918</b>	Discharged to duty
<b>5 Dec 1918</b>	Report 1 <sup>st</sup> CD Seaford
<b>10 Jan 1919</b>	On command Kimnel Park
<b>18 Jan 1919</b>	Embarked for Canada
<b>18 Feb 1919</b>	Discharged on demobilization PDP
<b>18 Feb 1919</b>	Demobilized at London ON
<b>23 Feb 1974</b>	Death Notification completed

**Attestation Paper:**

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No. 472099

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? Brown

1a. What are your Christian names? Robert Walter.

1b. What is your present address? Rosetown, Sask.

2. Is what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Strathroy, Ont, Canada.

3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Caroline Brown.

4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Mount Brydges, Ontario, Canada.

4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Mother.

5. What is the date of your birth? 11th of正月 1891

6. What is your Trade or Calling? Farmer.

7. Are you married? No.

8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes.

9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No.

10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No.  
(State the service of your term)

11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes.

12. Are you willing to be allotted to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force? Yes.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Robert Walter Brown, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Robert Walter Brown (Signature of Recruit)

Date 3rd March 1916 John Brown (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Robert Walter Brown, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as to duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Robert Walter Brown (Signature of Recruit)

Date 3rd March 1916 John Brown (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was examined by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Saskatoon, Sask. this 3rd day of March 1916

F. J. Young (Signature of Justice)

M. F. W. 28.  
REVISED 1914.  
M. G. 1700-10-10.

Description of <u>Robert Walter Brown.</u> on Enlistment.	
Apparent Age <u>24</u> years <u>5</u> months. <small>(To be designated according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)</small>	
Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease. <small>Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, in such manner that his previous service entitles him to a special rating, for the information of the recruiting officer.</small>	
Height	<u>5</u> ft <u>8</u> in.
Chest	Girth when fully expanded <u>34½</u> in.
	Range of expansion <u>1½</u> in.
Complexion	<u>Fair.</u>
Eyes	<u>Brown.</u>
Hair	<u>Light Brown.</u>
Religious denominations.	Church of England <u>Yes</u>
	Presbyterian <u>Yes</u>
	Methodist <u>Yes</u>
	Baptist or Congregationalist <u>Yes</u>
	Roman Catholic <u>Yes</u>
	Jewish <u>Yes</u>
Other denominations (specify in the margin)	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.</b> I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services. He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to any of the following diseases: I consider him <u>Fit</u> for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force. Date <u>3rd March</u> 1916. <u>W. H. M. Major.</u> Place <u>Saskatoon, Sask.</u> <u>C. A. M. C.</u> Medical Officer. <small>"Recruit" here "fit" or "unfit."</small> <small>Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been accepted, and will thereby state below the cause of rejection.</small>	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.</b> <u>Robert Walter Brown.</u> having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation. <u>W. H. M. Major</u> Lt-Col (Signature of Officer) Date <u>3rd March</u> 1916	

Casualty Form:

