Thomas Baird Welch

Rank: Lieutenant-Corporal Branch: 1st Battalion

Years Served: 1915 - 1916

Summary: Thomas Baird was was the first soldier from Canada to set foot in France, died at his home 182 Quellete Ave, Windsor, on Sunday morning, 24 March 1918, following complications which resulted from an operation he underwent for kidney trouble. Lieut. Col Welch had been the central figure in mobilizing and organizing units in Windsor since the war began. When the war broke out he offered his services to the Government and became transport officer for the first Canadian contingent. As officer in charge of this division, he was the first of the Dominion soldiers to set foot on French soil. He also served as Major in the 1st Battalion. After a year's service in France he was recalled to organize and command the 99th (Essex) Battalion, the first county battalion to be raised in Canada. He went to England with the battalion but there it was broken up and the men detailed to fill gaps in other Canadian contingents on the fighting front. He is buried in the Strathroy Cemetery

Name: Thomas Baird Welch Birth Date: April 10, 1867

Relatives: Wife - Agnes Welch. Sons - Howard Brabant Welch, Joseph

Thomas Welch, John Alexander Welch.

Mother - Janet Welch.

Address: Born - Scotland. Latest - 630 Quellette Ave., Windsor, ON.

Attestation Date: May 22, 1916 Death Date: March 24, 1918 Burial Site: Strathroy Cemetery





Date	Particulars			
	Card – Lieut. Col. Thomas Baird Welch			
	Theatre of War – France			
	Address- 630 Quellette Ave, Windsor, ON			
23 Sept 1914	Chemist born 10 Apr 1867 Kilmarnock Ayrshire Scotland, address 182 Quellette Ave Windsor ON, attested at Valcartier PQ,			
	Medical - 5'9" Fair complexion blue eyes fair hair, Church of England Clear medical			
9 Feb 1915	Embarked Avonmouth			
30 Mar 1915	To be Town Major for Estaires France			
1 Apr 1915	On strength 1 st Inf Battalion France			
25 May 1915	From Officer commanding Canadian Divisional Headquarters – Taken			
27 May 1015	on Strength to 1 st Division Attachment Div HQ			
27 May 1915 30 Sept 1915	Appointed Claims officer 1 st Division			
9 Dec 1915	To England on Duty from 1 st Can Div			
29 Dec 1915	Attached 36 th Reserve Battalion			
31 Dec 1915	Struck off Strength 36 Reserve Battalion to return to Canada			
14 Mar 1916	Struck off 1 st Btn strength having proceeded to England from 14 Mar			
	1916			
12 May 1916	Details of family of officer			
	Wife Agnes Welch			
	Sons Howard Brabant Welch, Joseph Thomas, John Alexander			
	Mother – Janet Welch Strathroy ON			
22 May 1916	Officers Declaration Paper – Unit- 99 th Overseas Battalion CEF , Lt Col			

	Welch, Thomas Baird Born Killwinning Scotland 10 Apr 1867, formerly druggist and Brigade Major 3 rd Infantry Brigade, present unit Officer					
	Commanding 26 th Middlesex Light Infantry,					
2 Jun 1916	Returned from Canada 99 th Btn left Canada 2 Jun 1916					
30 Aug 1916	TOS and posted to General List					
31 Oct 1916	Transferred General List and attached to 35 th Btn					
8 Dec 1916	SOS on return to Canada for disposal of Militia					
1 Dec 1917	SOS surplus					
24 Mar 1918	Died at his home Windsor ON					
27 Jul 1922	Medal Card- Welch, Thos Baird, Lieut. Col. 3 rd Infantry Brigade					
	Medals and Decorations to Widow Mrs. Agnes Welch 630 Quellette Ave					
	Windsor ON					
	Plaque and Scroll – to widow as above					
	Memorial Cross – to widow as above and to mother (died					
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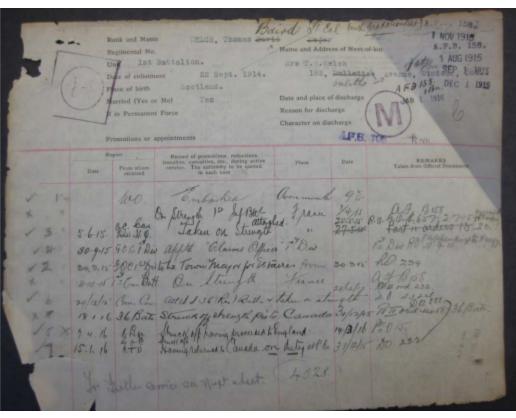
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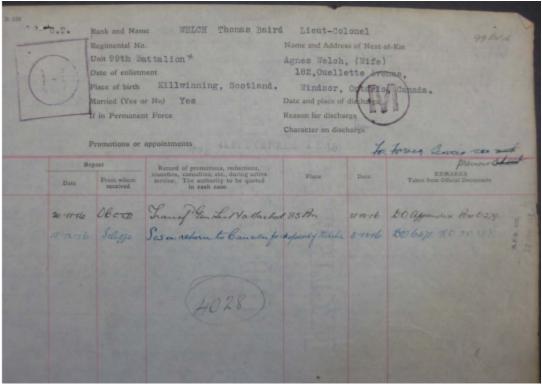
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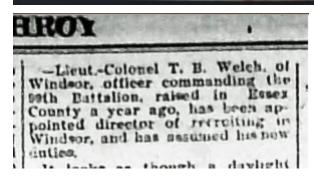
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OFFICERS' DECLARATION PAPER
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY OFFICER
(ANSWERS)
1. (e) What is your Surname?iiQlcha.
(b) What are your Christian Names >Thomas Buird
2. (a) Where were you bern? (State place and country)Killife inning Scotland
(b) What is your present address ?
3. What is the date of your birth? 10th.april 1867
4. What is (a) the name of your next-of-kin?agnes:elch.
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(c) the relationship of your next-of-kin?if0.*
5. What is your profession or occupation?
6. What is your religion?rotoutsmt.
7. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?Yeu
 To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong?
9. State particulars of any former Military Service 2.6.th_liiduleuex_lt.Inf
10. Are you willing to serve in the
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?Yes-
The undersigned hereby declares that the above answers made by him to the above questions are true.
(Signature of Officer.)
CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION
I have examined the above-named Officer in accordance with the Regulations for Army Medical Services.
I consider him*Fitfor the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.
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