

Andrew Gordon Small



Service Number: 796679
Rank: Private
Branch: 29th Battalion
Years Served: 1916 - 1917

Summary: Andrew Gordon Small was a furniture salesman in Simcoe, Ontario. He was a member of the 39th and 26th Regimental Militia. He attested in the 133rd Btn. On 1 Jan 1912, he married Margaret Ann Mclean in Strathroy. His parents, William and Eliza were living in Strathroy on James Street at the time of his death. He served with the 29th Btn and was killed in action 21 Aug 1917. He is memorialized on the Vimy Memorial. His name also appears on the Simcoe War Memorial Tower. After his death his widow, Margaret continued to live in Simcoe and in the 1921 census she has a lodger by the name of Margaret Tiedale living with her. She eventually moved back to Strathroy to be closer to family and died in 1972, never remarrying.

Name: Andrew Gordon Small

Birth Date: November 6, 1885

Relatives: Father - William Small. Mother - Eliza Small. Wife - Margaret Ann (McLean) Small

Address: Born - Middlesex County, ON. Last Known - Simcoe, ON

Attestation Date: March 1, 1916

Death Date: August 21, 1917

Memorial Site: Vimy Memorial and Simcoe War Memorial Tower

Simcoe Reformer September 6 1917



Photo by Courtesy of Moore
"KILLED IN ACTION"
Andrew Gordon Small, young married
man, no children. Was employed as an
optician at H. F. Best & Co's, Simcoe.

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

TRIPLICATE

No. 796679

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? Small
 1a. What are your Christian names? Andrew Gordon
 1b. What is your present address? Simcoe. Ont.
 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Middlesex Co. Ont.
 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs. Margaret Small
 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Simcoe. Ont.
 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Wife
 5. What is the date of your birth? Nov. 16th. 1885.
 6. What is your Trade or Calling? Furniture Salesman
 7. Are you married? Yes
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? 39th. Regt.
 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? 1 year 26th. Regt.
Has, state particulars of former Service.
 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
 12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the } Yes
 CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? }

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Andrew Gordon Small

I, Andrew Gordon Small, 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-Seas 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.

Date March. 1st. 1916 A. G. Small (Signature of Recruit)
L. F. Aiken (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Andrew Gordon Small

I, Andrew Gordon Small, 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 in 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.

Date March 1st. 1916 A. G. Small (Signature of Recruit)
L. F. Aiken (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned 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 Simcoe. Ont. this 1st. day of March 1916.

L. F. Aiken (Signature of Justice)
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Description of **Small. Andrew Gordon** on Enlistment.

Apparent Age **30** years months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, under the name acknowledged in any previous service, attach a slip to this sheet, for the information of the Approving Officer.

Height **5** ft. **6 1/2** ins.

Chest **56** ins.
Girth when fully expanded
Range of expansion **4** ins.

Complexion **Medium**

Eyes **Brown**

Hair **Brown**

Religious denominations. (Church of England)

Presbyterian **X**

Methodist

Baptist or Congregationalist

Roman Catholic

Jewish

Other denominations
(Denomination to be stated.)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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 fits of any description.

I consider him **Fit** for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date **March 1st.** 191 **6**

Place **Simcoe. Ont.**

"Insert here 'fit' or 'unfit'."

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 attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Andrew Gordon Small

..... 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.

A. C. Pratt (Signature of Officer)

Date **March 1st.** 191 **6** **Lt. Col. Command. 138rd. Batt. C.E.F.**

The Strathroy Age Oct 12 1916

—Pte. Gordon Small, of the 133rd (Norfolk) Batt., which is leaving shortly for overseas, accompanied by Mrs. Small, of Simcoe, was in town over the week-end on his last leave, bidding good-bye to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Small, James Street.

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The Strathroy Age September 6 1917

Cameron, formerly of Lobo Township, in his 71st year.
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WELCH—At Roland, Man., on Aug. 30th, Thomas

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No date

Norfolk Casualties	
KILLED IN ACTION	
796004—Sergeant James William Alward, of Simcoe.	
796009—Pte. Harold Frederick Diver, of Simcoe.	
796506—Pte. Freeman Ryan of Simcoe.	
796014—Private Harry Ernest Sherman, of Simcoe.	
796679—Pte. Andrew Gordon Small, of Simcoe.	
796586—Pte. Frank Dougherty, of Charlottetown.	
797163—Pte. Clarence Egbert Mutch, of Simcoe.	
797186—Pte. Francis Lealand Murphy, of North Walsingham.	
797511—Pte. Wm. Frank Hill of Tasterville.	
797594—Pte. Koscus Devitt of Delhi.	
797542—Pte. Wallace Marr of Townsend.	
—Pte. Andrew Harrison, of Wilsontonville. He enlisted with the 125th Brnats.	

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