

Robert Oscar Davis

Service Number: 803205

Rank: Private

Branch: 135th and 3rd Battalion

Years Served: 1916 - 1918

Summary: Pte Robert Oscar Davis 803205 was killed by a shell explosion while sheltering in a shell hole on the 2 Sept 1918. He was a grocery clerk from Strathroy who signed up with in the 135th Btn on the 18th of May 1916. He was drafted to the 3rd Battalion in 14 Aug 1917. Beside his grave stone in the Dominion Cemetery at Hendecourt-Les-Cagnicourt France, his family erected a memorial to him in the Strathroy Cemetery.

Name: Robert Oscar Davis

Birth Date: August 9, 1894

Relatives: Mother - Mary A Davis. Father - R. H. Davis

Address: Strathroy, ON

Attestation Date: May 18, 1916

Death Date: September 2, 1918

Burial Site: Dominion Cemetery, Hendecourt-Les-Cagnicourt, France

Memorial Site: Strathroy Cemetery



<i>Date</i>	<i>Particulars</i>
	Card- Pte Robert Oscar Davis 3 rd Btn , Theatre France Date of Service 23 May 1917, Mrs. Mary A Davis Box 102, Strathroy ON
24 Jan 1916	Maroc ?
18 May 1916	Grocery Clerk from Strathroy born 9 Aug 1894. Attested in 135 th Btn at London ON, no previous military experience, Medical clear 5' 5" tall, 118 lbs, dark complexion, blue eyes, brown hair. Baptist or Congregationalist
22 Aug 1916	Embarked from Halifax Canada SS Olympic
30 Aug 1916	Arrived Liverpool England
15 Oct 1916	Transferred to 134 th Btn at Witley
15 Oct 1916	TOS (<i>Taken on Strength</i>) 134 th Btn Bramshott England
14 Aug 1917	TOS as a reinforcement 3 rd Btn in the field
27 Mar 1918	Joined unit
2 Sept 1918	Killed in Action
20 Dec 1921	Medal Card – Pte Robert O Davis 803205, 3 rd Btn , Medals and Decorations to Mother Mary A Davis, Box 102, Strathroy ON, P & S to Father, Memorial Cross to Mother, Plaque and Scroll to Mother

Attestation Paper:

135TH O.S. BATTALION C.E.F.

REPLICATE
DUPLICATE

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 903205

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? *Davis*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Robert Oscar*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Shadbury Court*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *York County Ont Can.*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mrs Robert H. Davis*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Shadbury Court*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Mother*
5. What is the date of your birth? *9th Aug 1894*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Engineering Clerk*
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*
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the }
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Robert Oscar Davis*, 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 *May 18th* 191*6*. *Robert Oscar Davis* (Signature of Recruit)
W. Rindan (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Robert Oscar Davis*, 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 *May 18th* 191*6*. *Robert Oscar Davis* (Signature of Recruit)
W. Rindan (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 *London* this *18th* day of *May* 191*6*.

B. Robinson H. G. (Signature of Justice)

Description of Robert Oscar Davis on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 21 years 5 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 never before, or will, receive the same address subject to any previous service, attach a note to this effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.

Height 5 ft. 8 ins.

Orbit when fully expanded 3 1/4 ins.

Range of expansion 3 1/2 ins.

Complexion dark

Eyes blue

Hair brown

Church of England

Presbyterian

Methodist

Baptist or Congregationalist X

Roman Catholic

Jewish

Other denominations (specify in the margin)

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 May 18th 1916

Place London

W. H. Rendall

Maj. 138 Bat

Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Notes.—Should the Medical Officer consider the recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of cases who have been accepted, and will briefly state below the causes of rejection:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Robert Oscar Davis having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been received, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

B. Robson H. G. (Signature of Officer)

Date 20-5- 1916

Casualty Form:

803203 Lt. Davis W. O.

Regt.		Report of promotion, reduction, transfer, suspension, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form D 125, Army Form A. R. or its other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.		Place	Date	Remarks Taken from Army Form S. 121 Army Form A. R. or other official documents.
No.	From whom received					
2-2-16	1st Lt.	64th	JOINED UNIT	NAHOL	1611	16212
30-3-16	do.				2734	
9-4-18	do.		KILLED IN ACTION		2918	11-17-1215 Pl. 11-18 P. 8-18

John W. Davis
LIEUT.
FOR LACOL.
A. G. S.

A.O.R.		Rank	Name	Regt No.
	1st Lt.	DAVIS, Robt. Oscar	803203	
Unit		135th Bn.	What Unit?	Married or Single
Place and Date of Enlistment		London, 18th May, 1916.	Place of Birth	York Co., v Ont., Canada.
Name and Address, Next-of-Kin		Mrs. Robt., H. Davis, P.O., Strathroy, Ontario, Canada.	Relationship	Mother.
Assigned Pay Monthly \$		Payable to Mrs. H. Davis (Amount) 300.00 - 1st London - Strathroy	Relationship	
Separation Allowance \$		Payable to 26.298 Robt. H. Davis	Relationship	
Discharge, Date and Place		Reason	Character	

Report		Record of promotion, reduction, transfer, suspension, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	REMARKS. Taken from Official Documents.
Date	From whom received				
		ARRIVED IN ENGLAND S.S. OLYMPIC		30-8-16	
1916.13	135th Bn.	transferred to 135th Bn.	Widley.	13.10.16	2008
11-10-16	135th Bn.	transferred from 135th Bn. to 135th Bn.	Widley.	11-10-16	195.61
23-6-17	135th Bn.	S.O.S. to 135th Bn.		23-6-17	193.11
11-6-17	135th Bn.	135th Bn. as reinforcement	Field	11-6-17	193.11
2-9-18		Killed in Action		2-9-18	193.11

Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/redirect?app=pffww&id=349392&lang=eng>

