## Sydney "Sam" Frank Kemp

Service Number: 452604

Rank: Lieutenant

**Branch:** 58th Batallion

War: World War 1

**Years Served:** 1916 - 1918

**Summary:** According to the SS Montrose ship's manifest he appears to have come the Strathroy in 1912 to serve as a farm labourer. Another record shows him joining the 11th Hussars as a private 10 Oct 1914. In 1916 at London England he married Eva Wisdom. The next reference is from the London Gazette.

"16 Sept 1918- 2nd Lt. Sydney Frank Kemp Oxfords and Bucks Light Infantry is awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made several daring reconnaissances, penetrating far into the enemy's country and bringing back information of the greatest value. He displayed a fine example of gallantry and disregard of personal danger."

He was killed 16 Apr 1918 and is buried in St Venant-Robecq Road British Cemetery, Robecq.

Name: Sydney "Sam" Frank Kemp

Birth Date: July 23, 1891

Relatives: Mother - Mary Ellen Kemp

Birth Place: Workington, Cumberland, England

Address: 190 Bee St., Todmorden, Toronto, ON

Attestation Date: July 30, 1915

**Death Date:** Presumed to be December 7, 1918

Burial Site: St. Venant-Robecq Rd., British Cemetery, Robecq, France

**Memorial Site:** Strathroy Cemetery

Date	Particulars Particulars
	Card - Lieut., Kemp, Sam 58 <sup>th</sup> Btn Theatre France 20 months 20 Feb 1916
	to 7 Dec 1918, Mrs. Mary E Kemp (Mother) 190 Bee St Todmorden
	Toronto On Large red "D" stamped on card.
	Card – Kemp, Sam , Regimental number 452604 (stroked out), Rank L
	Cpl stroked out and Lieut 9 Oct 1918, former corps GGBG Field Artillery
	England , Next of Kin Mrs Mary Ellen Kemp, mother 190 Bee St
	Todmorden ON, Born England Workington Cumberland , attested
	Toronto On 4 Aug 1915, overseas 22 Nov 1915.
30 July 1915	Medical history sheet
	5'8" 156 lbs , feet slightly flat, steel worker, Fair complexion, Blue eyes,
	brown hair.
30 July 1915	Steel worker attested in at Toronto , born 23 July 1891, next of kin
	mother Mary Ellen Kemp 190 Bee Street, Todmorden, Toronto ON
	Previous military experience with Garrison and Field Artillery
	Medical Regimental number 452604
2 Dec 1915	Arrived England
20 Feb 1916	Embarked for France with the 58 <sup>th</sup> Btn
24 Apr 1916	No 3 Can. Gen Hosp. Boulogne Shrapnel Wound to his back transferred
20 4 1016	to England aboard HS Aberdonian
30 Apr 1916	Transferred to CCAC Folkstone Kent
2 May 1916	Grayling War Hospital Chichester
2 May 1916	TOS (Taken on Strength) CCAC (Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre) Admitted to No 3 General Hospital Boulogne Apr 24 <sup>th</sup> wounded slightly
4 May 1916	back
17 May 1916	Canadian Convalescent Hosp Woodcote Epsom
17 May 1916 17 May 1916	TOS from 58 <sup>th</sup> Btn hospital Woodcote Epson
9 Jun 1916	Myalgia in legs No 3 Div. Re-Sty (?)
14 Jun 1916	Discharged from hospital Woodcote Epson
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14 Jun 1916	SOS (Struck off strength) CCAC to 54 <sup>th</sup> Btn France				
6 Jul 1916	TOS 36 <sup>th</sup> Btn West Sandling				
18 July 1916	TOS 58 <sup>th</sup> Btn in the field				
2 Sept 1916	Promoted Corporal				
8 Oct 1916	Reported from Base wounded				
16 Oct 1916	Promoted Sergeant				
3 Nov 1916	Report wounded returned to regt. duty Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> 1916				
1 Jan 1917	No 18 Gen Hospital Cormiers PUO (Pyrexia of Unknown Origin)				
5 Jan 1917	Admitted #6 Convalescent hospital Etaples discharged 17 Jan 1917				
7 Jan 1917	Discharged				
22 Jun 1917	Admitted #7 Canadian Gen hosp (Trench fever) – discharged 26 Jun				
	1917				
9 Sept 1917	Promoted Company Sergeant Major				
9 Sept 1917	Promoted Warrant Officer #2				
1 Feb 1918	Transferred to England with a view to obtaining a commission and				
	posted to 2 <sup>nd</sup> CORD Shorncliffe				
5 Feb 1918	TOS 2 CORD (Central Ontario Regimental Depot) East Sandling England				
13 Feb 1918	Attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> CCD (Canadian Convalescent Depot / Canadian Corps Depot)				
4 Mar 1918	Attached for pay clothing k? St Martins Fld				
19 Apr 1918	Attached to 1 CCD Whitley				
19 Apr 1918	Attached to Reserve Btn Whitley				
12 July 1918	Note on card received Croix de Guerre				
11 Aug 1918	Promoted temporary Ltn				
22 Aug 1918	Awarded Belgian Croix de Guerre				
20 Sept 1918	TOS 58 <sup>th</sup> Btn France				
28 Sept 1918	Joined 58 <sup>th</sup> in the field				
1 Oct 1918	Reported as missing after action				
7 Nov 1918	Reported as a prisoner of War				
9 Nov 1918	Writes stating Prisoner of War at Parchim				
7 Dec 1918	For official purposes 'presumed to have died 7 Dec 1918				
24 Dec 1918	Died while a prisoner of War at Meschede on 4 Dec 1918				
28 Dec 1918	Central Prisoner of War Committee London reports information				
	received that Kemp died at Meschede Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> and was buried 11 Dec				
42 1 4022	1918.				
13 Jun 1922	Medal Card – Belgian Croix de Guerre				
	Medals and Decorations to Mrs. Mary E Kemp, Plaque and Scroll to				
	Joseph Kemp (father) Cross of Sacrifice to mother. Note "not eligible for				
	1914-1915 Star"				

## **Attestation Paper:**

uplicate No. #52604 ATTESTATION PAPER. CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION. 1. What is your name?.... Morhington Camberland En Thomas Elle 16 mothers of 13 1 1 199 (190 Best of Steel werker 190 Best of 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 5. What is the date of your birth? Contract 6. What is your Trade or Calling? 7. Are you married? 8, Are you willing to be vaccinated or reys & & 13 & raccinated? ..... 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? year Garrison I yrs Frely 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?

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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

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OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

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**Other Documentation:** 

—A letter was received by Thomas Benstead recently from Mrs. Kemp, of London, England, which confirmed the reported death of her son, Lieut. Sydney Kemp, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry Lieut. Kemp who was a reservist, formerly resided in Strathroy. He joined the colors shortly after the declaration of war, and spent four birthdays and four Christmas days in the service.

It appears, after some searching and with much thanks to the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Discussion Group, that Ltn Kemp emigrated to Canada aboard the SS Montrose from Ireland in April 1912. He was 27 years old at the time and came with 2 other Kemps, Edward 15 and Edgard (?) age 38. Of note is that his destination was Strathroy, Also stamped on his line is C.G.E.A. which stands for Canadian Government Employment Agent. The LAC states that "these agents received commissions from the government for placing newly arrived immigrants with employers who were seeking labourers or domestics." He is listed as a farmer labourer on the manifest.

He must have returned to England, because another record of him shows he joined the 11th Hussars as a private 10 Oct 1914.

A Sydney Kemp returned to England Birth abt. 1884 29 years Port Departure: St. John, N.B.

Arrival Date: Dec. 24, 1913 Port Arrival: Bristol, U.K. Ship: SS Royal George Canadian Northern Line

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There is record of him marrying Eva Wisdom in 1916 at Lambeth London England and a birth record of Sydney Frank Kemp in March 1885 at Camberwell London England The next mention of him is in the London Gazette as a recipient of the Military Cross

19074 SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1918.

2nd Lt. Sydney Frank Kemp,
Oxf. & Bucks.L.I.
For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to
duty. He made several daring reconnaissances,
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danger.

His medal card shows he was entitled to wear the 1914 Mons Star, the British War Medal and Victory medal beside the Military Cross. Medals were sent to his widow in Rochester Kent. He was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ltn to the Oxfordshire and Buck Light Infantry 2/4 Battalion 25 Sept 1917.

One correspondent reported that he is mentioned in The History of the Oxfordshire and Buckhamshire Light Infantry 2/4th Battalion by Rose in Chapter XV The Battle of the Lys April/May, 1918

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