

Walter Treleaven Beer



Service Number: 802735

Rank: Private

Branch: 135th, 134th and 15th Battalion

Year Served: 1916 - 1918

Summary: Walter Treleaven Beer was another 135th Btn man. He farmed and was a telegraph operator in Strathroy. When the 135th was broken up in England, he was drafted to the 15th Battalion. He seems to have suffered repeated bouts of diphtheria. On the 10th of October 1918, while on patrol duty, he was instantly killed along with the officer in charge, by a machine gun bullet. His medals, plaque and certificate were sent to his father and mother Jacob and Lulu Beer.

BIO

Name: Walter Treleaven Beer

Birth Date: June 4, 1898

Relatives: Parents - Jacob and Lulu Beer

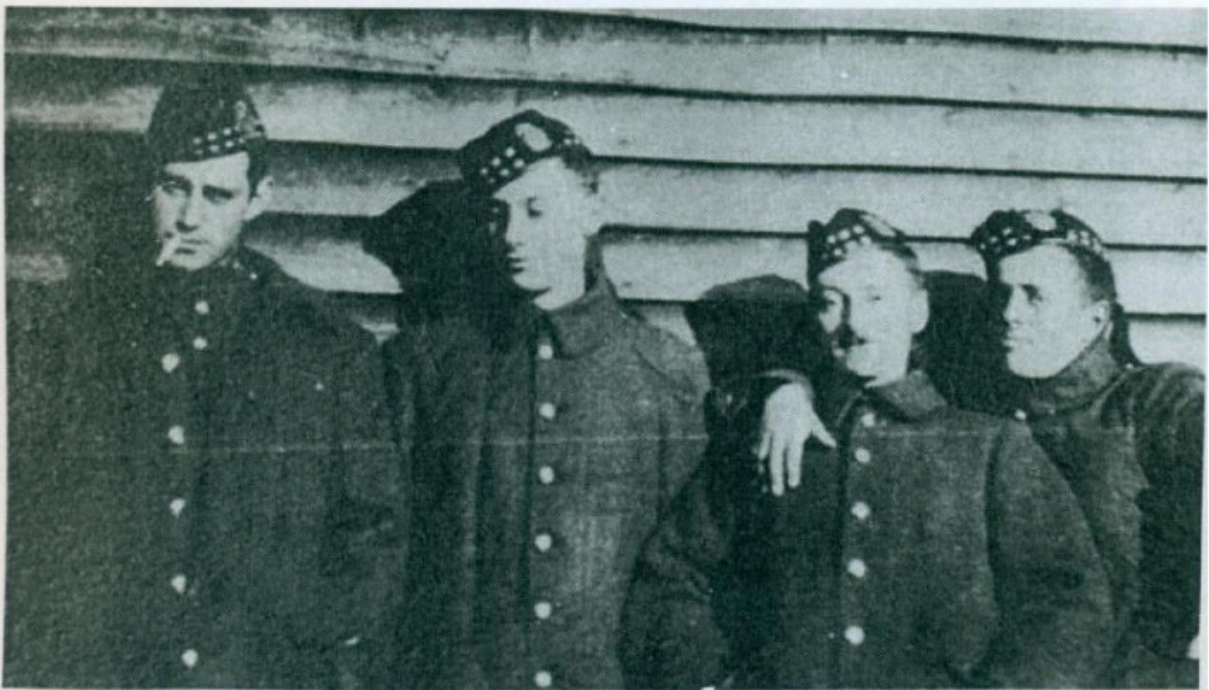
Address: RR#3 Strathroy, ON

Attestation Date: January 15, 1916

Death Date: October 10, 1918

Burial Site: Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt

IMAGES



A Company, 135 Battalion
At Camp Witley in England 1916
Left to Right: Walt Beer, Winston Pearson, Harold Conkey, Bill Cowan

SERVICE RECORD

Date	Particulars
15 Jan 1916	Attested in 135 th Btn at Strathroy ON RR#3 Strathroy ON Next of Kin Jacob Christopher Beer, RR# 3 Strathroy ON Born 4 Jun 1898, no previous military experience, Farmer, telegraph operator on Attestation paper Medical Clear 5'10", 143 lb dark complexion blue eyes, brown hair
9 Aug 1916	Will made out leaving estate to his mother Lula Beer
22 Aug 1916	Sailed on the SS Olympic from Halifax NS
30 Aug 1916	Arrived Liverpool England
15 Oct 1916	Transferred to 134 th Btn
5 Dec 1916	Transferred to 15 th Btn and proceeded overseas
9 Dec 1916	Joins the 15 th Btn – note that he is qualified as a telegraph operator.
16 Dec 1916	Joins the 15 th Btn in the field
29 Jan 1917	On course Visual signaling
10 Mar 1917	Returns to the 15 th Btn
14 June 1917	Reported to base hospital sick (no details)
18 Jun 1917	Rejoins the 15 th Btn
18 Jun 1917	Absent while on leave from France
22 Dec 1917	On 14 days leave to UK
4 Jan 1918	Diphtheria
12 Jan 1918	AWL from 5 Jan 1918
14 Jan 1918	1 st CORD TOS from 15 th Btn
5 Feb 1918	Admitted to hospital at Shorncliffe while on leave
12 Apr 1918	Diphtheria
19 Apr 1918	Attached to 2CCD at Bramshott
28 Jun 1918	TOS 12 th Reserve Battalion
11 Sept 1918	TOS 15 th Btn in the field
10 Oct 1918	15 th Battalion - Killed in Action Circumstances of Death Card – “Killed in Action: While on patrol duty, this soldier was instantly killed by an enemy machine gun bullet”
1 Dec 1919	Medal Card – medals to mother Mrs. Lula Beer R 3 Strathroy ON, plaque to father Jacob Beer at the same address, Certificate of Service to mother.

KNOWN DOCUMENTATION

Attestation Paper:

Card 44

ATTESTATION PAPER.

DUPLICATE
No. 861/35

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION. (ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? *Beer*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Walter Isidore Beer*
- 1b. What is your present address? *St. Catharines, Ont.*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *St. Catharines, Ont.*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Isidore Beer*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *St. Catharines, Ont.*
5. What is the date of your birth? *24th June 1896*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Religious Observer*
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, *W. A. B. Beer*, 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 unit 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 *15th January 1916*. *W. A. B. Beer* (Signature of Recruit)
D. M. Campbell Esq. (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *W. A. B. Beer*, 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 lawfully 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 *15th January 1916*. *W. A. B. Beer* (Signature of Recruit)
D. M. Campbell Esq. (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was questioned 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 against his name. The said Recruit has then signed the Attestation and taken the oath before me, as *Director* *15th January 1916* (Signature of Justice)

M. T. W. M.
100 M. - 11-01.
M. G. 100-20-01.

Description of *Walter Isidore Beer* on Enlistment.

Apparent Age *17* years *7* months.
(It is to be understood that the age is the chronological age 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 several marks, he will state the same, and if possible, will state the date of the appearance of the marks.

Height *5' 10"*
Girth when fully expanded *38"*
Range of expansion *44"*
Complexion *Dark*
Eyes *Blue*
Hair *Brown*

Church of England *No*
Presbyterian *No*
Methodist *No*
Baptist or Congregationalist *No*
Roman Catholic *No*
Jewish *No*
Other denominations (specify to be noted)

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-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date *Jan 17 1916* *A. B. Borden*
Place *St. Catharines* *Li Col. J. S. B. Esq.* (Medical Officer)

"Good" (fit) or "unfit".
From: Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the Rejection Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of rejection.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Walter Isidore Beer having been duly 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.

Date *15th January 1916* *R. Borden Esq.* (Signature of Officer)

Casualty Form:

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ORDERLY ROOM

PH in Only.—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

BATTALION C.E.F. Unit, Regiment or Corps **135th O. S. Battalion C. E. F.**

Regimental No. **802735** Rank **Private** Name **Walter Treleven Beer**

Enlisted (a) **25/1/16** Terms of Service (a) **Period of 2 yrs.** Service reckons from (a) **25/1/16**

Date of promotion to present rank { } Date of appointment to lance rank { } Numerical position on roll of S.C.O. { }

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) **Telegraph Operator**

Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, re-entries, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 10, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 10, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
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		Arrived England	Loughfoyle	30/1/16	
15/10/16	135th	Transferred to 135th Bn.	Witley	15-10-16	Reg. Ord. 266 14-10-16
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