

# Alexander Stuart Newton

**Service Number:** 802115

**Rank:** Private

**Branch:** 135th and 134th Battalion

**Years Served:** 1916 - 1917

**Summary:** Alexander Stuart Newton moved from the 135th Btn to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles after the 135th was broken up in England. He was a bank clerk in Strathroy before the war and had spent 2 years with the 26th Middlesex Light Infantry as a militia man. He was killed by shrapnel on the 26 August 1918 while taking part in an attack near Monch-le-Preux France. His remains were interred in Tilloy British Cemetery Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines France.

## BIOGRAPHY

**Name:** Alexander Stuart Newton

**Birth Date:** April 25, 1896

**Relatives:** Mother - Lillian Newton. Father - William Newton

**Address:** Box 306, Strathroy, ON

**Attestation Date:** November 27, 1915

**Death Date:** August 26, 1918

**Burial Site:** Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines, France.

Date	Particulars
	Card – 802115, Newton, Alexander Stuart, 4thCMR ( <i>Canadian Mounted Rifles</i> ) France, Date of service – 28 Feb 1918, Mrs. Lillian Newton Box 306 Strathroy ON – mother
<b>27 Nov 1915</b>	Medical – 5' 5 1/2 " 125 lbs, fair complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair, no medical problems, no problems joining 135 <sup>th</sup> , no problems joining 4 <sup>th</sup> CMR, Presbyterian
<b>2 Dec 1915</b>	Bank clerk from Strathroy ON born 25 Apr 1896 Strathroy ON, 2 years experience with 26 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex Light Infantry, attested in 135th Btn at Strathroy ON
<b>8 May 1916</b>	Bronchitis
<b>7 Aug 1916</b>	Will prepared with mother as beneficiary
<b>22 Aug 1916</b>	Embarked Halifax Canada
<b>30 Aug 1916</b>	Arrived Liverpool England
<b>15 Oct 1916</b>	TOS ( <i>Taken on Strength</i> ) 134 <sup>th</sup> Btn Bramshott
<b>15 Sep 1917</b>	Promoted L. Corporal Witley
<b>12 Oct 1917</b>	Appointed acting Corporal Witley
<b>28 Feb 1918</b>	Reverts to the ranks to go overseas
<b>5 Mar 1918</b>	TOS 4 <sup>th</sup> CMR
<b>26 Aug 1918</b>	Killed in Action
	Circumstances of Death- "Whilst with his company taking part in the attack from south east of Feuchy to north of Monchy-le-Preux, he was hit and instantly killed by shrapnel from an enemy shell"
<b>15 Dec 1918</b>	Granted good conduct badge Witley
<b>25 Sept 1920</b>	Medal Card – Pte A. S. Newton 802115 4 <sup>th</sup> CMR
	Medals and Decorations to Mother Mrs. Lillian Newton, Box 306 Strathroy ON,
	P&S - Father William Newton
	Memorial Cross – mother
	Plaque and scroll – mother

135th O.S. Battalion C.E.F.

## ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ORIGINAL

No. 802115

Folio.

## QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Newton*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Alexander Stuart*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Stathay, Ontario*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Stathay, Ontario*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *William Newton*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Stathay, Ontario (Prothrey)*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Brother*
5. What is the date of your birth? *25th April 1896*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Bank 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? *Yes*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *Yes 2nd Bn. 2nd Regt. 2 yrs.*  
(If so, 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 CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Alexander Stuart Newton*, 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 require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *2nd 12 - 1915* *Alexander Newton* (Signature of Recruit)  
*Wm. J. G. Galt* (Signature of Witness)

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Alexander Stuart Newton*, 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 *2nd 12 - 1915* *Alexander Newton* (Signature of Recruit)  
*Wm. J. G. Galt* (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 required, and that the Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Stathay, Ont.* on *2nd* day of *Dec* 1915.

*J. M. Drummond* (Signature of Justice)

# Description of Alexander S. Newton on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 19 years 7 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, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a note to this effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height 5 ft. 5 1/2 ins.  
Girth when fully expanded 34 ins.  
Range of expansion 3 ins.  
Complexion fair  
Eyes blue  
Hair light brown  
Church of England  
Presbyterian  
Methodist  
Baptist or Congregationalist  
Roman Catholic  
Jewish  
Other Denominations  
(Denominations to be filled in)

## 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 declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him A. S. for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date Nov 27th 1915 Place Strathroy  
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 those who have been rejected, and will briefly state (under the terms of certificate) the reasons.

## CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Alexander Stewart Newton 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.

B. R. Ross, Lt. Col. (Signature of Officer)

Date Dec 12th 1915.

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Report		History of promotions, reductions, transfers, assignments, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form R 23, Army Form A, M, or in other official documents. The authority to be cited in each case.	Date	Remarks Taken from Army Form R 23, Army Form A, M, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
18.1.17	O. C. G. B. D.	Landed in France strength 4 C.M. B.	Taken on Nom. Roll 18.1.17	6.547
1.3.17	— do. —	Left for C.C.R.C.	2.3.17	3.1172
9.3.17	O. C. G. B. D.	Arrived unit.	5.3.17	6.1172
29-8-18	4th C.R.	KILLED IN ACTION	Field	Letter (File KI.17-1159) B.C.1C8.

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### Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=560197&lang=eng>