

Hughie Dewar

Service Number: 802086

Rank: Corporal

Branch: 135th and 2nd Battalion

Years Served: 1916 - 1918

Summary: Hughie Dewar was a machine gunner with the 2nd Btn Canadian Machine Gun Corps. On the 18th of August 1918, he was instantly killed when relocating his gun position and a shell exploded "about 4 feet in front of him". Hughie left his job as a piano maker in Strathroy to serve with the 135th Btn and was later transferred to the CMGC. His body rests in Bouchoir New British Cemetery in France.

Name: Hughie Dewar

Birth Date: November 10, 1895

Relatives: Mother - Sophia Dewar

Address: 26 Adelaide St, Strathroy, ON

Attestation Date: March 27, 1918

Death Date: August 18, 1918

Burial Site: Buchoir New British Cemetery, France

Date	Particulars
29 Nov 1915	Card – 802086 Cpl Hughie Dewar, CMCG Brigade France Date of Service 27 Mar 1918, Mrs. Sophia Moore 26 Adelaide St, Strathroy ON Attested in 135 th Btn at Strathroy. Date of Birth 10 Nov 1895, Piano maker, 2 years with the 26 th Middlesex , Methodist, single, next of Kin Mrs Sophia Dewar. Medical – 5'10" 169 lbs, clear medical on enlistment and when moved to 134 th Btn 15 Oct 1916,
6 Aug 1916	Signed will leaving estate to mother
22 Aug 1916	Sailed from Halifax aboard SS Olympic with the 137 th Btn , promoted acting Cpl.
30 Aug 1916	Arrived in England
15 Oct 1916	Transferred to 134 th Btn Bramshott England, reverts to L Cpl
24 Feb 1917	Appointed Cpl at Witley England
22 Feb 1918	Promoted Corporal in the field
6 Mar 1918	SOS (<i>Struck off Strength</i>) to "Mac. Erns" ? Seaford
8 Mar 1918	TOS CMGD (<i>Canadian Machine Gun Depot</i>) Seaford
27 Mar 1918	SOS to Machine Gun Pool Overseas at Seaford
28 Mar 1918	TOS CMGC
31 Mar 1918	SOS to 1 st Btn CMGC (<i>Canadian Machine Gun Corps</i>) in the field
1 Apr 1918	TOS 1 st CMGC overseas
18 Aug 1918	Killed in Action – Circumstances of Death –"During operations in the vicinity of Amiens on August 18 th 1918, he was going towards his gun position, accompanied by a member of his gun crew, when he was instantly killed by a shell that burst about four feet in front of him."
10 Jan 1921	Medal Card – Med and Dec to his Mother, Mrs. Sophia Moore 26 Adelaide St Strathroy ON, P&S to mother, Memorial Cross to Mother

Attestation Paper:

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

Original
ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

JAN 10 1915
ORIGINAL
No. *802086*
Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Dewar*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Hughie*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Shelburne*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Shelburne Ont*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *James Dewar*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *P.O. Shelburne (Can. Canada)*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Brother (only effort)*
5. What is the date of your birth? *Nov. 16. 1878*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *James Dewar*
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? *No*
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, *Hughie Dewar*, 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 *29. 11. 1915* *H. Dewar* (Signature of Recruit)
A. Campbell (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Hughie Dewar*, 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 *29. 11. 1915* *H. Dewar* (Signature of Recruit)
A. Campbell (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 recited to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Shelburne Ont* this *29* day of *Nov* 1915.

R. Robertson (Signature of Justice)

Description of Hughie Dewar on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 20 years..... months.
To be described according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

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

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, under the most advantageous to any previous service, attach a note to these notes, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height..... 5 ft. 10 ins.
Girth when fully expanded..... 35 ins.
Range of expansion..... 4 ins.
Complexion..... Fair
Eyes..... Blue
Hair..... Red

Religious denominations
Church of England.....
Presbyterian.....
Methodist.....
Baptist or Congregationalist.....
Roman Catholic.....
Jewish.....
Other Denominations.....
(Specimen 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 declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

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

Date..... Nov 20th 1915..... H. P. Dewar
Place..... Strathroy..... H. P. Dewar
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 accepted, and will attach same before the cause of rejection.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Hughie Dewar 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. P. Dewar, M. C. (Signature of Officer)

Date..... 4-12- 1915

Casualty Form:

Casualty Form—Active Service.
135th C.S. Battalion, C.E.F.

Unit, Regiment or Corps: 135th C.S. Battalion, C.E.F.

Rank: Private Name: Mag'is Dewar

Registered No. 802086

Enlisted (a) 29-11-15 Service (b) Period of War Service rendered from (c) 29-11-15

Date of promotion to present rank: 29-11-15 Date of appointment to same rank: 29-11-15 Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s: 1

Extended: Re-assigned Qualification (d): 1

Date	From where received	Account of promotion, reduction, transfer, discharge, etc. During active service, as reported on Army Form 5, 18, Army Form A, B, or in other official documents. The authority to be cited in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form 5, 18, Army Form A, B, or other official documents.
		Embarked @ Canada	Halifax	22-8-15	
		Arrived - England	Liverpool	30-8-15	
7-9-16	Appointed	A/Corporal	Witley	24-8-16	Reg. Ord. 289, 2/2 7-9-16.
		Transferred to 134th B.M.	Witley	15-10-16	Reg. Ord. 266, 14-10-16.
					B. Col. 135th Batt'n Can. Inf.
		Reverted to rank of L/Corporal, to comply with Establishment on being absorbed in transfer from 135th Bn.	Bramshott	15-10-16	Part Two Orders 256
17-10-16	1st Lt.	Taken on strength of 1st Lt.	Bramshott	17-10-16	Dep. Ord. 256, 17-10-16.
18-10-16	1st Lt.				Dep. Ord. 256, 18-10-16.
24/1/17	1st Lt.	Appointed 1st Lt.	Witley	24/1/17	Dep. Ord. 256, 24-1-17.
6-3-17	1st Lt.	Transferred to 1st Lt.	Witley	6-3-17	Dep. Ord. 256, 6-3-17.

18-10-16: Reverted to rank of L/Corporal, to comply with Establishment on being absorbed in transfer from 135th Bn.

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2-3-18	Corn. C.M.O.D.	Taken on Strength	Seaford	2-3-18	Auth. Depot Order No. 47
2-3-18	Corn. C.M.O.D.	Transferred to 1st Lt.	Seaford	2-3-18	Depot Order Pt. II No. 27 A/Adjutant, C.M.O.D.
28-5-18	OC MOCH	Arrived in France and Taken on Strength Can MG Corps (CHGR Pool)		28-5-18	N. R. 240 P. II. O. 20, 4/19-4-18
1/4/18	CCRC	Bank 0.5. 0.5. R. 0.5. on		3/3/18	Dep. Ord. 256, 3/3/18.
"	"	Bank 1.1. 1.1. R. 1.1. on		4/4/18	Dep. Ord. 256, 4/4/18.
20-4-18	OC	Promoted Cpl		20/4/18	Dep. Ord. 256, 20/4/18.
4-5-18	Chumit	Killed in Action	Field	15-5-18	Dep. Ord. 256, 15/5/18. P. II. O. 72.

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A.S.R. Rank *1st Lt* Name *DEWAR, Hughie* Regt No. *800685*
 Unit *28th Bn.* If in per. Corps. *What Unit?* Married or Single *Single*
 Place and Date of Enlistment *Strathroy, Ont., 29th Novr.* Place of Birth *Strathroy, Ont., 1915.*
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin *Mrs. Sophia Moore,*
P.O., Strathroy, Ont., Canada. Relationship *Mother*
 Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship
 Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship
 Discharge, Date and Place Reason *Cpl* Character

Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, cessation, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
Date	From whom received			
<i>ARRIVED IN ENGLAND</i>	<i>S.S. OLYMPIC</i>		<i>30-8-16</i>	
<i>7-9-16</i>	<i>2nd Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>22-8-16</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>10-9-16</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>10-10-16</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>11-10-16</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>11-10-16</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>20-10-16</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>20-10-16</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>24-2-17</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>24-2-17</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>2-2-18</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>2-2-18</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>21-3-18</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>21-3-18</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>23-4-18</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>23-4-18</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>14-6-18</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Strathroy, Ont.</i>	<i>14-6-18</i>	<i>Placed on</i>

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Date	From whom received			
<i>26-8-18</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Killed in Action</i>	<i>26-8-18</i>	<i>Placed on</i>
<i>29-8-18</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Killed in Action</i>	<i>29-8-18</i>	<i>Placed on</i>

Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/redirect?app=pffww&id=354668&lang=eng>