

Ernest John Burtenshaw

Service Number: 802521

Rank: Private

Branch: 135th and 19th Battalion

Years Served: 1916 - 1918

Summary: A carpenter from Strathroy left a wife Constance and joined the 135th Btn 29 Dec 1915. When the 135th was broken up and the men sent to replenish various earlier battalions, he ended up in the 19th. On the 8th of August 1918 he was waiting to go into action and a shell landed a few feet from him. "He died almost instantly". He is buried at Crucifix Corner Cemetery Villers-Bretonneux France. His is one of 16 names on the memorial window in St John the Evangelist Church Strathroy.

Name: Ernest John Burtenshaw

Birth Date: September 26, 1890

Relatives: Wife - Constance Dora Burtenshaw

Address: Strathroy, ON

Attestation Date: December 29, 1915

Death Date: August 8, 1918

Burial Site: Crucifix Corner Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux, France



Date	Particulars
Card	802521 Pte Ernest John Burtenshaw 19 th Btn CEF France 23 May 1917, Wife Mrs. Constance Burtenshaw, Strathroy ON Attested in 135 th Btn at Strathroy ON. Born 26 Sept 1890 at Broadstairs Kent England, Carpenter, next of kin wife Constance Dora Burtenshaw, no previous military experience Medical clear 5'8" tall, 155 lbs, fair complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair, Church of England
29 Dec 1915	Medical history Sheet - Good health when joined 135 th , good when joined 134 th Btn 15 Oct 1916,
29 Dec 1915	Form of Will - made out to wife, shows him in A company of the 135 th Btn CEF
22 Aug 1916	Embarked at Halifax for England on the SS Olympic
30 Aug 1916	Arrived Liverpool England
15 Oct 1916	TOS (Taken on Strength) 134 th Btn CEF at Bramshott England
25 May 1917	TOS 19 th Btn Whitley England
12 Jun 1917	Joined 19 th Btn in the field in France
16 Mar 1918	Granted 14 days leave London England
2 Apr 1918	Rejoins the 19 th Btn
8 Aug 1918	Killed in Action in the field
4 Nov 1920	Medal Card - Medals and decorations sent to widow, plaque sent to widow 26Feb 1921, Memorial Cross sent to widow, note mother Mrs. T Steel, Box 170, Strathroy

Attestation Paper:

Card 6-M.

ATTESTATION PAPER.
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

No. 102 521
Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.
(ANSWERS.)

- What is your surname? *Burtenshaw*
- What are your Christian names? *Ernest John*
- What is your present address? *Oak Avenue, Strathroy, Ont.*
- In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Broadstairs, Kent, England*
- What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Constance Dora Burtenshaw*
- What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Oak Avenue, Strathroy, Ont.*
- What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Wife*
- What is the date of your birth? *September 26, 1890*
- What is your Trade or Calling? *Carpenter*
- Are you married? *Yes*
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *Yes*
- Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
- Have you ever served in any Military Force? *No*
- Do you understand the nature and terms of the engagement? *Yes*
- Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force? *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ernest John Burtenshaw*, 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-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service chosen, 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 Dec 1915* *Ernest John Burtenshaw* (Signature of Recruit)
H. F. C. Carter (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ernest John Burtenshaw*, 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 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 not over me. So help me God.

Date *29 Dec 1915* *Ernest John Burtenshaw* (Signature of Recruit)
H. F. C. Carter (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above named was examined 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.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been fully entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Strathroy* on the day of *December*, 1915.

H. F. C. Carter (Signature of Justice)

N. P. W. 23
M. S. 1-11
S. G. 2753-6-60

Description of *Ernest John Burtenshaw* on Enlistment.

Apparent Age *25* years *3* months.

Height *5* ft. *8* in.

Weight *155* lbs.

Build *Slender*

Complexion *Fair*

Eyes *Blue*

Hair *Light Brown*

Church of England *Yes*

Religion *Methodist*

Political or Congressional Opinion *Liberal*

Previous Occupations *Carpenter*

Other Occupations *None*

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 Service.

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-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date *Dec 29* 1915 *H. F. C. Carter* (Signature of Medical Officer)
Place *Strathroy* *R. W. 135 B. C.* (Signature of Medical Officer)

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Ernest J. Burtenshaw having been fully attested 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. Brown (Signature of Officer)

Date *29 Dec* 1915

Casualty Form:

Date	Place	Event	Remarks
17 Dec 44	London	10 days leave	10 days leave
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19 Dec 44	London	10 days leave	10 days leave
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30 Dec 44	London	10 days leave	10 days leave
31 Dec 44	London	10 days leave	10 days leave

Casualty Form—Active Service.

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Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=78394&lang=eng>