Charles Henry Smithrim

Service Number: 688295

Rank: Private

Branch: 172nd and 47th Battalion

Years Served: 1917

Summary: While his mother lived in Strathroy, Charles Henry Smithrim was working as a teamster in Armstrong BC when he attested in the 172nd Btn at Vernon. He was transferred to the 47th Btn in France. He was reported missing in action between the 5th and 7th of May 1917. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial and the Metcalfe Township War Memorial.

Name: Charles Henry Smithrim Birth Date: December 11, 1876

Relatives: Mother - Elizabeth A. Smithrim. Father - R. H. Smithrim **Address:** Born - Strathroy, ON. Latest Address - Armstrong, BC

Attestation Date: September 22, 1916 **Death Date:** c. May 5th to 7th, 1917

Memorial Site: Vimy Memorial and Metcalfe Township War Memorial





Date	Particulars
9 Dec 1916 22 Dec 1916	Card – 688295 Pte Smithrim, Charles Henry, 47 th Btn CEF, Theatre of War – France, Date of Service- 22 Apr 1917, Mother Mrs. E. A. Smithrim Strathroy ON, Large red "D" (deceased?) Will signed leaving estate to mother RR #2 Kerwood ON Teamster born Strathroy Ontario, from Armstrong BC, Attested in 172 nd Btn at Vernon BC, no previous military experience
10 Jan 1917	Medical 5' 9 ½ ", 175 lbs, fair complexion, blue eyes, dark brown hair, Methodist, chicken pox scars on back, small elliptical scar from burn on inner side of right thigh, clear medical. Arrived in England aboard SS Mauretania
10 Jan 1917	SOS (Sent off Strength) from 172 nd Btn to 24 th Reserve Btn Bramshott England
21 Apr 1917	SOS to 47 th Btn Seaford England
7 May 1917	Reported missing after action between 5 th and 7 th May 1917
23 Mar 1918 26 Jan 1922	Presumed to have died on between 5 th and 7 th of May 1917 Medal Card – Smithrim, Pte, C. H. 688295, 47 th Btn,
	Medals and Decorations to Mother Mrs. E. A. Smithrim Strathroy ON, Plaque and Scroll to mother
	Memorial Cross to mother
	Not eligible for 1914/15 Star

172ND BATT. C.E.F. ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

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1b. What is your present address?	amations 1 Be
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3. What is the name of your next-of sin ?	R. A. Somithim
4. What is the address of your next of tin ?	e Strathray ant
4s. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?.	Father Luster
5. What is the date of your birth ?	11 de December 1876
6. What is your Trade or Calling !	Transter
7. Are you married ?	no
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-	
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9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?	1 no
 Have you ever served in any Military Force?	ns :
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