

# William Oscar O'Dell

**Service Number: 6531**

**Rank: Corporal**

**Branch: 1st and 9th Battalion**

**Years Served: 1914 - 1916**

## Summary:

William Oscar O'Dell On the 24th of June 1916 the Strathroy Age reported that "no official word has been received yet to confirm the report that Pte John Pedden and Sgt O. O'Dell, Strathroy boys, had been wounded in France". Pte Pedden seems to have recovered but Oscar died of a shrapnel wound to his left hip. He left the farm to attest in the 1st Battalion CEF at Valcartier on the 20th Sept 1914 as part of the first contingent. His burial place is unknown but he is honoured on the Menin Gate in Ypres Belgium. Oscar never was promoted Sergeant as the Age reported.

Date	Particulars
<b>20 Sept 1914</b>	Card- 6587, Sergeant, Nunn, John 1 <sup>st</sup> Btn Canadian Infantry, Theatre of War- France, Father- John Nunn Esq, Strathroy ON <i>Large red D</i> Baker from Strathroy ON attested in 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion at Valcartier PQ, no previous military experience, born 1 Jan 1890 at St Thomas ON
<b>14 July 1915</b>	Medical clear, 5'4 ½ " fair complexion, Hazel eyes, Fair hair, Wesleyan Methodist,
<b>8 May 1916</b>	No 2 Canadian Field Ambulance – dental caries
<b>10 Apr 1917</b>	Promoted Cpl in the field
<b>12 Jan 1918</b>	Promoted Sergeant in the field in 1 <sup>st</sup> Btn
<b>19 Jan 1918</b>	Abscess to face – right to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian General Hospital Wimereux Dangerously ill
<b>23 Jan 1918</b>	Dies of parotid abscess at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian General Hospital Wimereux
<b>7 Dec 1920</b>	Medal Card – Sgt John Nunn 6587, 1 <sup>st</sup> Btn
	Eligible for 1914-15 Star, Medals and Decorations to John Nunn Esq, Strathroy ON
	P&S – to Father
	Memorial Cross – to mother
	Scroll and Plaque to Father

## Biography:

**Name:** William Oscar O'Dell

**Birth Date:** November 8, 1889

**Relatives:** Sister - Grace Kelleston. Father - Ernest E. O'Dell

**Address:** Born - London, ON.  
Latest - Strathroy, ON

**Attestation Date:** September 20, 1914

**Death Date:** June 13, 1916

**Memorial Site:** Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium