

John Nunn

Service Number: 6587

Rank: Sergeant

Branch: 1st Battalion

Years Served: 1916 - 1918

Summary:

Sergeant John "Jack" James Nunn 6587 is buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery where the author of "In Flanders Fields", Col John McCrae, is buried. Nunn was a baker from Strathroy and attested as a private in the 1st Battalion at Valcartier Quebec on the 20th Sept 1914. He was promoted Sergeant in the field 10 Apr 1917. An abscess was discovered on his face and on the 23 Jan 1918 he died of a parotid abscess at the 2nd Australian General Hospital in Wimereux. He had survived almost the entire duration of the war.



Biography:

Name: John Nunn

Birth Date: January 1, 1890

Relatives: Father - John Nunn.

Mother - Edith Nunn

Address: St. Thomas, ON

Attestation Date: September 20, 1914

Death Date: January 23, 1918

Burial Site: Wimereux Communal Cemetery.

Date	Particulars
20 Sept 1914	Card- 6587, Sergeant, Nunn, John 1 st 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 st Battalion at Valcartier PQ, no previous military experience, born 1 Jan 1890 at St Thomas ON
	Medical clear, 5'4 ½ " fair complexion, Hazel eyes, Fair hair, Wesleyan Methodist,
14 July 1915	No 2 Canadian Field Ambulance – dental caries
8 May 1916	Promoted Cpl in the field
10 Apr 1917	Promoted Sergeant in the field in 1 st Btn
12 Jan 1918	Abscess to face – right to 2 nd Australian General Hospital Wimereux
19 Jan 1918	Dangerously ill
23 Jan 1918	Dies of parotid abscess at 2 nd Australian General Hospital Wimereux
7 Dec 1920	Medal Card – Sgt John Nunn 6587, 1 st 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

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 672

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your name? John McNamee
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born? Scotchman Co. N. B.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mr. John McNamee
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? St. Catharines, Ont.
5. What is the date of your birth? Jan. 1st 1890
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Baker
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 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

John McNamee (Signature of Man).
J. W. McDonald (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, John McNamee, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions 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.

John McNamee (Signature of Recruit).
Date Sept 20 1914. J. W. McDonald (Signature of Witness).

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, John McNamee, 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 far as I may 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.

John McNamee (Signature of Recruit).
Date Sept 20 1914. J. W. McDonald (Signature of Witness).

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was questioned 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 replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at St. Catharines P. O. this 22 day of Sept 1914.

J. W. Hill (Signature of Justice).

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

J. W. Hill St. Cath. (Approving Officer)

County 1st Batta 1st Brigade

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left.

Description of Munn John on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 24 years 7 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 ft 7 1/2 in.

Weight 137 1/2 lbs.
(Birth when fully expanded)
Range of expansion 36 in.

Complexion fair

Eyes hazel

Hair fair

Religious denomination
Church of England
Presbyterian
Wesleyan
Baptist or Congregationalist
Other Protestant
(specify in brackets)
Roman Catholic
Jewish

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 indicate (so far as possible) in any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.

mark on left arm pit

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

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

Date 31-8-1914

Place Valcartier

J. C. Pasky
Medical Officer.

(Insert here "fit" or "unfit")
Verge—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been situated, and will briefly state below the cause of unsuitability.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

John Munn 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.

J. W. Neil Lt. Col.
(Signature of Officer)

Date Sept 22 1914

NAME *Nunn, John James* H. Q. FILE No. 649-
 RANK AND CORPS *1st Sgt* REG'TL. No. *6587*
 CABLE NO. *538* NATURE OF CASUALTY
 NO. DATE
 H20 *31* 21-1-18 *Dangill Aust. Gen Hosp. Wimereux Jan 19, 1918*
abscess parotid ✓
 H23 *104* 21-1-18 *Priv. rpt. dangerously ill now died at*
3rd Australian Gen Hosp Wimereux
Jan 23rd 1918 Abscess Parotid
Dead of Parotid Abscess at #2 Aust.
Gen Hosp. in the Field France. 23-1-18
noted. 6/3/18
 L. L. Job 8222 - M. & D. 5812 M. P. W. 45-57m 7-15
 H. Q. 1172-22-555

Rank and Name *NUNN, J. J.* 41040
 Regimental No. 6587 Name and Address of Next-of-Kin
 Unit *1st Battalion* Mr John Nunn,
 Date of enlistment *30 Sept. 1914.* Strathroy, Ont..
 Place of birth *Ontario*
 Married (Yes or No) *Yes No*
 If in Permanent Force
 Date and place of Discharge
 Reason for discharge
 Character on discharge
 Promotions or appointments
 Report
 Date Place where received
 Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case
 Place Date
 Remarks
 Taken from Official Documents
 14-4-16 1st Bn 2 Lt Cpl. Field 8-5-16 PMS-24
 26715 62121/1002 Dental Surg. 3rd Lt. 4th Bn 14-7-18
 13/1/15 62115 1st Bn 1st Lt. 1st Bn 14/1/15 1st Lt. 1st Bn 38
 23-7-15 1st Bn 1st Lt. 1st Bn 10-4-17 1st Lt. 1st Bn 72
 26-1-18 1st Bn 1st Lt. 1st Bn 23-1-18 1st Lt. 1st Bn
 26-1-18 1st Bn 1st Lt. 1st Bn 23-1-18 1st Lt. 1st Bn

Other Documentation:

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