

Personal Stories

from World War I



Edgar Coleman Canadian Army Number 123505

Edgar was borne to parents James and Emily Coleman and was married to Emily and father of two.

He emigrated with his wife to be and her parents to live in London, Ontario, Canada. Edgar was a veteran of the South African War whilst serving in the Wiltshire Regiment., 7th Fusiliers.

As a result of the outbreak of war he volunteered for service in August 1914, enlisting with other men from London in Val Cartier and having his rank retained as a sergeant. However, he had to return home shortly after being taken ill. Having regained his health he was accepted by the AMC and went overseas with the 70th Battalion. He died in battle on 17th September 1916 at the age of 44 and is buried in the Albert Communal Cemetery, at Somme.

