

2242 Lance Corporal George Goudie

Timekeeper Grand Falls Paper Mill

Enlisted: March 9, 1916, 18yrs. 8 mos.

Address: 18 First Ave., Grand Falls, Nfld.

Religion: Methodist

Next of Kin: Elias and Mary Jane Goudie, Grand Falls, Nfld.

Born at Northern Arm, Botwood, Nfld.

Description:

- Scar on left arm
- Full chest expansion 36 3/4 inches
- In a letter to the Regimental Pay office St. John's, Nov 1917, Elias (father) described George as "5 ft. 6in. in height, dark hair and dark blue eyes, weight 140 lbs."

Service:

- Embarked St. John's, S.S. Sicilian for United Kingdom, July 19, 1916
- Joined Unit in France, October 22, 1916
- Suffered gunshot wounds, both legs, shrapnel wounds to the left hip, weak lungs (possibly from gas inhalation) April 5, 1917 and taken prisoner of war
- From April 1917, to December 28, 1917, Lance Corporal Goudie spent time at several German P.O.W. camps. In December, 1917, he was transferred to the Interlaken Hôtel, Switzerland, as part of a Prisoner of War exchange with Germany

Death:

- Lance Corporal Goudie died on November 6, 1918 at Interlaken, Switzerland. Cause of death in one report was given as La Grippe. In another report from the police inspector at Interlaken, it was given as Influenza, Pneumonia, Meningitis. (November 8, 1918) A hospital report states "Cpl. Goudie was received here on 24 October, suffering from Influenza. He made slow improvement up to the 2nd when he developed double pneumonia. Towards evening on the 5th he lost consciousness and in spite of 24 hours constant attendance by the doctor, he died on the morning of the 6th without suffering any pain as he did not regain consciousness" Signed P.W. Rhodes, Lieutenant R.N., I/C Hospital.

Burial:

- Buried, Interlaken Cemetery, Switzerland, Grave no. 353
- Later re-interred at St. Martin's Cemetery, Vevey, Switzerland, Grave Reference No. 36

Notes:

- Lance Corporal Goudie's younger brother, Otto, was caretaker at Memorial United Church for 32 years.
- Among Items of interest in Lance Corporal Goudie's Dossier, available at the church are these:
 - I. Some of the correspondence between the proprietor of the Interlaken Hôtel and the military authorities regarding a bill for additional items of food consumed by Lance Corporal Goudie while at the Interlaken Hôtel.
 - II. Various reports on Lance Corporal Goudie while he was a P.O.W.
 - III. A letter to the military from Rev. Dunn enclosing monies from Lance Corporal Goudie's family to be used for his comfort while P.O.W. in Switzerland.
 - IV. Various other letters including one from his mother, November 6, 1921, regarding the marking of his grave,
".... I was very much surprised to find that nothing better than a wooden cross marked the place where he lay.... may I ask if this is all that is being done? You can understand the interest a mother has in the grave of her boy...."

I remain
Yours truly,
Mrs. E. Goudie

