

HAMMILL, Norman

Service Number 77938

Rank Private

Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment, 16th Battalion

Born August 9, 1880, Windle, St Helen's, Lancashire, England

Died May 18, 1915, near Festubert, France

Occupation Farmer

Marital Status Single

Norman Hammill emigrated to Canada in May 1911, leaving behind a career as a stock exchange clerk. He had been educated at prestigious Shrewsbury School and at 30 years old began a new career as a farmer. A 1914 BC Directory lists him as a rancher in Nanoose Bay.

He enlisted in Victoria in January 1915 with the 88th Regiment, Victoria Fusiliers from which he transferred to the 30th Battalion and then the 16th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry. The battalion embarked from Southampton on April 26, 1915, bound for the Western Front in France, to be attached to the Canadian Division in the Battle of Festubert. Norman was killed in action shortly afterwards, some time during the attack which lasted from May 18 to May 22. His date of death was given as May 18, 1915.

Norman Hammill is commemorated at the Vimy Memorial and at St Helen's, Lancashire and Shrewsbury School.

Sources: Photo: St. Helens Rolls of Honour
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