

McADOO, Lyndhurst Howard BH

Service Number 313932

Rank Driver
Canadian Field Artillery, 3rd Division Ammunition Column

Born October 30, 1880, Colac, Victoria, Australia
Died January 22, 1918, Ontario

Occupation Rancher
Marital Status Married to Roberta; four children

“Lindie” Howard McAdoo was born and grew up in Colac, Australia, then a newly colonized area of Victoria. After serving in the Australian Cadets for three and one-half years, he emigrated to Ireland where he worked as a farmer, married and had two daughters. The new family then emigrated to Canada and settled in Errington to farm.

After WWI broke out, Lyndhurst moved his family to south Vancouver Island where they took up residence in Saanich. He enlisted in January 1916 and by July had arrived in France. For close to a year, Lyndhurst served with the Field Artillery. During WWI, a driver’s job was to transport artillery and supplies via horse or mule. These animals suffered under the same difficult conditions as the humans. Caring for the animals was challenging, and expanded the field of veterinary care.

Lyndhurst McAdoo was admitted to a field hospital in April 1917 and soon after was diagnosed with a lymphatic tumour. He became dangerously ill and was transferred to various hospitals until he was invalided back to Canada at the end of 1917. He died in an Ontario hospital on January 22, 1918.

After the war, Lyndhurst’s widow, Roberta, supported her family by operating a boarding house in Saanich which is on the heritage inventory.

Lyndhurst McAdoo is buried in Kingston (Catarauqui) Cemetery in Ontario and commemorated in Saanich.

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