

MIDDLEMISS, Joseph

Service Number 706814

Rank Private

Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment), 103rd Battalion

Born September 8, 1883, Morpeth, Northumberland, England

Died March 9, 1916, Victoria, BC

Occupation Bricklayer

Marital Status Married to Emily; two children

Joseph Middlemiss grew up in Morpeth, Northumberland, an old market town in the north east of England. He worked as a builder, having served his apprenticeship with his father, and then moved on to work in Newcastle before emigrating to Canada in approximately 1911.

Joseph enlisted on January 18, 1916, and died on March 9, 1916, while he was still training in Victoria. His military records don't indicate how he died. His funeral, which was attended by most of his battalion (nicknamed the Island Timberwolves) is described in the Daily Colonist newspaper. An obituary posted later in the English paper, Newcastle Journal, states that he contracted pneumonia and died within a week.

Joseph Middlemiss is buried at Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, British Columbia. His wife was Welsh and after his death, returned to Wales.

Sources: Personnel Records of the First World War, Library and Archives Canada
Books of Remembrance, Veterans Affairs Canada
British Columbia City Directories / Vancouver Public Library
British Newspaper Archive / Newcastle Journal
The Daily Colonist, Sunday, March 12, 1916

