

## LIPSCOMB, Charles 'Hugh' Pearson

Service Number 707211

Rank Private

2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles, British Columbia Regiment

Born 12 January, 1881, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, England

Died 18 April, 1917, No. 2 Australian General Hospital, Boulogne, France

Occupation Bookkeeper

Marital Status Married, 2 children

Charles 'Hugh' Pearson Lipscomb was born in England, the second son of a vicar. He worked there as a bankers clerk before emigrating to Canada in 1908. Settling in the Cowichan Valley, he started a family while working at the Cowichan Creamery Association. He became well known as a sportsman, especially for his skill at cricket and football. He had recently moved north to Hilliers to become a partner in the Cameron Farmer's Exchange when WWI broke out.

Hugh enlisted in 1916 and landed in France just before Christmas that year. In mid April 1917, his unit was involved in operations at Vimy Ridge. He was probably wounded then and transferred to a hospital.

He died of shrapnel wounds at the No. 2 Australian General Hospital in Boulogne, France. He is buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France and is commemorated in Duncan, BC and in Hertfordshire.

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