

DAVIS, Desmond Stanton Reynard

Service Number 522777

Rank Private

Canadian Army Medical Corps

Born July 31, 1897, Nanaimo, British Columbia

Died November 2, 1920, Victoria, British Columbia

Occupation Art student

Marital Status Single

Having just turned 18, Desmond Davis enlisted in August 1915. He was the son of Dr. Lewis Davis and Eva Davis of Parksville and listed his occupation as art student.

He served in France and within six months developed typhoid fever, described in his military records as enteric fever complicated by pneumonia. He spent a short time in hospital in Boulogne before being transferred to various hospitals in England until after the war ended. He was finally discharged and sent home in 1919. He died in Victoria on November 2, 1920 and is buried at Ross Bay Cemetery.

Desmond's brother Harold also served in WWI for 27 months, contracted adenitis and was eventually invalided back to Canada. Harold died in 1921 while serving with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles.

Sources: Personnel Records of the First World War, Library and Archives Canada
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