

FORD, Edgar Norton

Service Number 16767

Rank Private

Canadian Infantry, British Columbia Regiment, 7th Battalion

Born October 19, 1893, Duncan, BC

Died April 24, 1915, St Julien, Belgium

Occupation Bookkeeper

Marital Status Single

Edgar Norton Ford was born in Duncan, the son of farmer Walter Ford and Rachel Ford. They moved to Coombs, where Walter worked as a logging contractor and Edgar assisted him. They cleared land along the old Alberni Highway for the Salvation Army settlers. The family built a large log house near the settlement.

Edgar enlisted as soon as WWI started, along with other young men from the area.

He was lost without trace during the 2nd Battle at Ypres during the first German gas attacks, apparently on his first day of action. Edgar Norton Ford is memorialized at Menin Gate, as well as on the Duncan cenotaph.

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