

JONES, Gordon Pierce

Service Number 430694

Rank Lance Sergeant
Medals Distinguished Conduct Medal
Canadian Infantry, Alberta Regiment, 10th Battalion

Born January 19, 1896, Kamloops, BC
Died August 8, 1918, near Caix, France

Occupation Farmer
Marital Status Single

Gordon Jones came from a farming family that settled in Coombs and became part of that community, as well as lifelong friends of Salvation Army colonists, the Parkers.

In early 1915, Gordon enlisted with the 88th Victoria Fusiliers. He later transferred to the 48th Battalion before being drafted to the 10th. His military records show a series of promotions, from Corporal to Lance Corporal. In January 1918, he was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) and promoted again to Lance Sergeant.

His battalion participated in the Battle of Amiens, August 8 to August 11, 1918. During an attack on Caix on August 8, 1918, just as they reached their objective, Gordon Jones was struck in his left shoulder, just above the heart by a bullet from an enemy sniper's rifle. He was instantly killed. He is buried at Caix British Cemetery, Somme, France.

Sources: Photo: Parksville Museum & Archives
Personnel Records of the First World War, Library and Archives Canada
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