

## REID, David Wilkie

Service Number 77368

Rank Private

Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment) 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Born August 18, 1887, Hawick, Scotland

Died May 5, 1916, The Bluff, Ypres, Belgium

Occupation Carpenter

Marital Status Single



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David Wilkie Reid grew up in Hawick, a Scottish border town that produces wool and linen textiles. Emigrating to Canada, he made his way to Vancouver Island. His Hawick obituary states that he had worked at Western Fuel in Nanaimo; however, his attestation papers give his occupation as carpenter. He was a resident of Errington.

In November 1914, David enlisted in the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion. On arriving in France in May 1915, he was transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

His Hawick obituary posted in the November 16, 1916, Daily Colonist, describes him as a bright and cheerful person who visited family and church while on leave. During his service, he became a machine gun expert. In a letter to a friend, he said, "Out here there is only a step between us and the next world."

On May 5, 1916, David Wilkie Reid was killed in action in the trenches at The Bluff, Ypres. He is buried at Chester Farm Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium, and is commemorated in Hawick, Scotland.

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