

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

At just 18, Desmond Davis enlisted in August 1915 and was sent to Shorncliffe, England in December. He arrived in France attached to 6th Bde CFA, Field in January 1916. After six months overseas, he was sent to hospital in Boulogne, France, with pneumonia and invalided to Folkstone, England. He was awarded the Good Conduct Badge in August 1917 and in March 1918, sent to Havre, France where he was posted to #3 CFA, Field. In August 1918, he was evacuated with enteric fever, sent to Liverpool and then on to Halifax. He was finally discharged and sent home to Victoria in 1919 where he died on November 2, 1920, and is buried at Ross Bay Cemetery. Records indicate he developed typhoid fever, described in his military records as enteric fever complicated by pneumonia.

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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