

FREDERICK GREEN- WOOD



12th August 1916

1890-1916 Age 26



Private 430074, 10th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Frederick Greenwood was born in Bradford in 1890. His father Fred came from Todmorden, which then lay in Lancashire. His father ran a grocery business in Horton, which Fred took on and to which he subsequently added brewing. He married Adelaide Russell, from Bradford, in 1876. They probably met through the grocery business as her father was a bacon supplier.

Fred and Adelaide had six children, of whom four survived. Frederick was the youngest child and the second son. He went to Bradford Grammar School in 1902, aged twelve. During his three years there, his best subject was Art, and his record in his other subjects was undistinguished. He left in 1905 before he was fifteen, and in the same year his father died. Frederick was sent to complete his education at Heaton Moor College, Manchester. His elder brother John, who had assisted their father in the brewery business, changed his career and set up as an estate agent. However, there was no place for Frederick in his employment—in the 1911 census he was described as a 'Traveller', presumably what today would be called a 'rep'. Frederick must have decided that there was nothing to keep him in England, so in August 1913 he took ship for Canada, as did many a younger son of limited prospects around this time. In the ship's register he gave his occupation somewhat enigmatically as 'tourist' and hid intention was to work as a 'salesman'. His final destination was British Columbia.

Frederick was in Canada when war broke out. He enlisted in March 1915, and he served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France and

Flanders from October of the same year with the 10th Battalion Canadian Infantry. In June 1916 the battalion was involved in desperate fighting around Hill 60 and Sanctuary Wood which the Germans seized, and the Canadians then regained. The months of July and August were quieter, with spells in and out of the trenches. The Canadian records for Greenwood are still unavailable, and the battalion's War Diary gives no information regarding casualties on that day. Thus the circumstances of his death remains a mystery.

He was buried in the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm).



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