

Private Angus Garrod

1888 - 1916

FIRST WORLD WAR

Army: Canadian Infantry, 18th Battalion

Angus was born in 1888 in Yorkshire, England, the only son of Jesse and Mary Ann Garrod. When Angus was five years old, his younger sister and he lost their mother. Jesse later remarried, to Elizabeth Thrower. At age 16, Angus became a registered member of the Royal Navy of Seaman's Services, and served with the Royal Navy for almost two years. At age 22, he immigrated to Canada and lived in Sarnia. Four years later in October 1914, single and working as a labourer at Imperial Oil Company, Angus enlisted in Sarnia.

He arrived in England in April 1915 and in France in September 1915. Over the following months, along with dealing with the harsh conditions at the front, Angus had to be treated on two occasions the result of rheumatism and influenza. On April 10, 1916, Private Angus Garrod of the 18th Battalion was killed in action in the trenches during the Battle of St. Eloi in Belgium. The battle was two weeks of attacks and counterattacks in horrible weather, with poor communication, and a lack of coordination.

The Sarnia Observer reported that he left many relatives here to mourn his loss. Angus Garrod, 28, has no known grave and is memorialized on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Memorial, Belgium.



