



# Private Thomas Edward Littlefield

1896 - 1916

FIRST WORLD WAR

Army: 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles

Thomas was born in Middlesex, England in 1896, the son of Jane Littlefield. At some point he immigrated to Canada making his home in Sarnia. Prior to enlisting, Thomas was working as an apprentice machinist and had served with the 27th Regiment, St. Clair Borderers Militia. In January 1915, eighteen years old and single, Thomas enlisted in Sarnia. He arrived in England in August 1915 and trained there for five months before arriving in France in January 1916.

A few weeks later, he became a member of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles (CMR) and served with them in France and Belgium. At the end of May 1916, the 4th CMR were at the front lines skirting the edge of Armagh Wood and holding the strategic elevation of Mount Sorrel in Belgium. Mount Sorrel was the last remaining high ground in the Ypres salient still in British hands. On June 2, 1916, Private

Thomas Littlefield was killed in action during the Attack on Maple Copse, part of the Battle of Mount Sorrel. He was originally reported as "missing between June 2 and June 3", and later "killed in action, June 2/3". Thomas Littlefield, 19, has no known grave and is memorialized on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Memorial in Belgium.



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