

Private Mark Simpson (106555) 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles (Saskatchewan Regt.) d 5 June 1916 aged 33



In
Loving Memory Of
THOMAS SIMPSON
WHO DIED OCT 22ND 1906,
AGED 58 YEARS.
ALSO OF **JANE**, HIS WIDOW,
WHO DIED MAY 31ST 1926,
AGED 75 YEARS.
ALSO OF **MARK**, THEIR SON,
WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION JUNE 2ND
1916, AGED 33 YEARS.
ALSO OF **MARK, ISAAC, ELEANOR,**
ERNEST AND THOMAS, THEIR CHILDREN,
ALL OF WHOM DIED IN INFANCY.
"AT REST"

Son of Jane Simpson, of 107A, Cleator St., Dalton-in-Furness, Lancs., England, and the late Thomas Simpson. CWGC

Nb The date on the gravestone is not the same as the one on the CWGC website.

Born 10 Dec 1882 *Find A Grave website*

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres.

The Mounted Rifles Brigades were dismounted and became Infantry battalions on 1 Jan 1916. The 1st CMR, along with the 4th CMR, was manning the 3rd Division's front on June 2, 1916, when the Germans launched their assault at the outset of the Battle of Mount Sorrel. Its positions were overrun, and 557 of its 692 members (80%) were killed, wounded or captured. (*Wikipedia*)

Ancestry: In the **1891 Census** Mark (8), scholar, born Workington, was living at 9 Rawlinson St, Dalton, with his uncle Robert Simpson (29), iron miner, born Pennington; aunt Elizabeth A. Simpson (29), born Kirkby; cousins Eleanor A. Simpson (10), scholar, born Kirkby; John J? Simpson (3), born Dalton, and Joseph Simpson (1), born Dalton.

In the **1901 Census** Mark (18) is one of 8 farm servants at Manor Farm, Barrow.

On 10th April 1908 he appears among a number of Daltonians (Peter Naylor; James Boundy; Thomas & William Freethy; Joseph William Farren) on a passenger manifest for aliens crossing from Canada to the USA having arrived from Liverpool on the SS Victorian, arriving at Halifax, Nova Scotia on 17 April. All are listed as miners. Mark's address is given as 107 Charles St, Dalton. (*Looking at the address on the first line, this should be Cleator Street.*)

There is also a Mark Simpson of the right age, labourer, from Lancashire, arriving in New Brunswick 18 April 1904 from Liverpool aboard the S.S. Lake Manitoba who may be the same person, but the script is indecipherable.