



28754      Pte            **KIRK**            John (Jack)            S

Born 05 Aug 94 at Kirkpatrick, Dumfries, Scotland. Auto  
Repairman

- 28 Mar 14 Enlisted in 50th Regt (Gordon Highlanders) at Victoria
- 12 Aug 14 Mobilized with 50th Gordon Highlanders Service Contingent.
- 28 Aug 14 Departure from Victoria, bound for Quebec (Valcartier).
- 03 Sep 14 Arrived Quebec.
- 07 Sep 14 Medically examined as "fit for service with O/S Force."
- 23 Sep 14 Attested for O/S service in "B" Coy, 16 Bn CEF, by  
Capt PF Villiers and Lt-Col JE Leckie, and allotted  
service number 28754.
- 28 Sep 14 Embarked in HMTS "Andania" at Quebec.
- 29 Sep 14 Ship moved berth to anchorage in stream.
- 30 Sep 14 Ship moved downstream to convoy rendezvous.
- 02 Oct 14 Ship arrived at Gaspé Bay.
- 03 Oct 14 Convoy bearing 1 Cdn Inf Div assembled and began ocean  
voyage to UK.
- 14 Oct 14 Ship anchored off Plymouth breakwater.
- 18 Oct 14 Troops disembarked in Plymouth and entrained at Devonport  
for Salisbury Plain (West Down, South).
- 22 Oct 14 Troops arrived at West Down South Camp and reorganized  
from old 8-coy org to 4-coy org.
- 24 Oct 14 Inspected by Field Marshal Earl Roberts.
- 05 Nov 14 HM the King, the Queen, Lord Kitchener and Lord Roberts  
visited and inspected the Canadian troops.
- 27 Nov 14 Move to Lark Hill began.
- 14 Dec 14 Decision made to name the unit "The Canadian Scottish".
- 04 Feb 15 Pre-embarkation inspection of battalion by HM the King.
- 11 Feb 15 Embarked for FRANCE at Avonmouth, on HMTS "Maidan".
- 14 Feb 15 Arrived off mouth of Loire River.
- 15 Feb 15 Disembarked at ST NAZAIRE and entrained for the front.
- 17 Feb 15 Detrained at Caestre, North-east FRANCE.
- 24 Feb 15 Indoctrination to life in trenches began, on 48-hr rotation  
basis at Bois Grenier, between 1st Middlesex on right and  
2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers on left.
- 03 Mar 15 1st Cdn Div replaced 7th (Brit) Division, and 3rd Cdn Bde  
replaced 20th (Brit) Bde in the Line. Operational role  
of 16 Bn CEF (The Canadian Scottish) begins.

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Pte KIRK, John (Jack)

- 19 May 15 Wounded in action at FESTUBERT - Shrapnel R.leg.  
Evacuated to 6 London Fd Amb, Rouen.
- 20 May 15 Transported to UK in HS "Anglia", to 3 North  
General Hospital, Sheffield.
- 04 Jun 15 Records tfr to 30 Bn CEF, Shorncliffe, while  
still in hospital.
- 05 Jul 15 On 7-day furlough, convalescing.
- 26 Jul 15 Admitted Mil Hosp (Tent), Shorncliffe.
- 19 Aug 15 Tfrd to VAD Convalescent Hosp, Convent des Oiseaux
- 22 Sep 15 Returned to 30 Bn CEF, Shorncliffe.
- 06 Oct 15 Tfrd to 48 Bn CEF.
- 29 Oct 15 Medical board recommends home service in Cda  
for three months, and disposal by mil auths MD11.
- 05 Nov 15 SOS OMFC on sailing to Canada. SS Metagama.
- 06 Nov 15 TOS MD11 for home service and medical observation  
at Military Convalescent Home, Esquimalt.
- 16 Aug 16 Discharged from CEF in Cda--"medically unfit,  
shrapnel wound, right leg".

Entitled to 1914-15 GS (with Mons Star) and Victory Medal.

No notations in records as to date or place of death.



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Mrs Barnes

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27 November 1991

Dear Mrs Barnes,

Last weekend I had the pleasure of meeting your daughter at a Canadian Scottish Regimental Bazaar at the Bay Street Armoury. During our chat, I of course asked after you and was sorry to hear that you had been on the sick list. I was quite shaken at meeting your daughter because I associate you with Christmas and had been thinking of you.

We still have Private Kirk's uniform on display and I never pass that area of the museum without looking at that striking photograph of him with his nurse: In spite of his ghastly experiences and no doubt her exposure to some terrible wounds, they both have a wonderful sense of innocence about them which I find rather reassuring. At the time when you presented Pte Kirk's uniform and medals to the museum we had very few medals earned by Canadian Scottish personnel. We now have 64 separate groups of medals on display, all earned by Canadian Scottish personnel. Pte Kirk's medals are in a distinguished and gallant company.

On behalf of the Volunteers of the Regimental Museum we wish you a speedy recovery and reiterate our thanks to you for your donations.

Yours sincerely,

M.W.E. Allen  
Honorary Lieutenant Colonel  
Museum Director