



George Heron

Born: 1864

Enlistment: May 1915, - Port Hope, Ontario

Deceased: 1916 - Battle of Ypres

Bio - Information supplied by Great-Granddaughter of George Heron, Elaine Mendicino

I am sending a few photos with this email to share a bit of his (George Heron) story. I have his framed enlistment certificate that shows he enlisted in the Great European War in May of 1915, and he died "somewhere near the French/Belgian border". I learned through the D.V.A. Website that he died in the Battle of Ypres in 1916.

In September of '02, my late husband and I had traveled to Paris, France for a weeks vacation and were able to arrange a train trip to Brussels, Belgium then on to the town of Ypres to see the enormous monument that had been erected to memorialize those lost in that battle so many years before. The monument was enormous and names covered it stories high, so many young men. We doubted we would locate his name but were blessed to find it (thanks to the DVA information) and it was within reach. I've enclosed a few pictures (below) that don't do the place justice, with me near his name.

My great grandfather was 52 when he died, just a year older then I was when I visited that monument. It was incredibly moving for me.



George Heron back left, his wife, Augusta, daughter Emma front left and Ethel on the right.



It was 102 years ago this month that he enlisted so I am compelled to buy a tree in his name, that I hope can be planted somewhere along the town of Port Hope corridor, where his widow, his 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren, my father one of them, rest forever, so far away from him. His is just 1 of so many stories of sacrifice and loss.

“His (George Heron) is just 1 of so many stories of sacrifice and loss.”

- Great Granddaughter of George Heron, Elaine Mendicino





We are proud to say that one of the 'Trees for Heroes' trees that will be planted as part of the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute will represent the service that George Heron made to protect Canada.

