

# BELL, George

Born May 31 1899, (attestation paper states Norland May 31 1898) s/o George Wesley Bell & Mary Louise [Dumond or Demoe].  
Served WW1 724044

Picture in uniform in file

George Wesley Bell, living in Norland in 1920 completed a declaration of the birth of his son George on May 31 1899, and listed the mother as Louisa Demond.

In 1901 Census the family is in Victoria North, Lutterworth K1, p5. George is Age 1 on line 23 Father George bn Nov 1 1860

Mother Mary L bn May 13 1869

Siblings:

Mary Apr 21 1891 (Mary Louise bn Norland)<sup>1</sup>  
Lottie July 27 1894 (Lottie Orien bn Somerville Jul 27 1893)<sup>2</sup>

Caroline May 14 1897 (Caroline Victoria, in Kinmount, mother Mary L Dumond)<sup>3</sup>

1911 Lutterworth Census p8 lines 37 to 43, Father listed as widower. Other children added:

Laverne Nov 1901, (Steve Laverne bn Dec 22 1901 declaration by father George listed mother as Mary Louise Demoe)

Harry Aug 1905 (Charles Harry 1972 declaration in Uxbridge, as bn Dec 9 1907 Lutterworth, mother Louisa Dumos)

Rosey 28 Mar 1909 Lot 14 c6 Lutterworth, Haliburton (mother: Mary Louisa Demoe)<sup>4</sup>

There is a marriage certificate for George Wesley Bell bn 1863 of Norland s/o Thomas and Sarah [Carl], who married Louisa Dumond of Norland bn 1861 d/o Steve Dumond and Marly [McLeod] in Fenelon Falls on 24 Sept 1890. Unable to locate death cert for mother.

ATTESTATION - PAPER  
189th OVERSEAS BATTALION, C. E. F.  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
No. 724044  
Folio.  
DUPLICATE

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.  
(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? Bell
- 1a. What are your Christian names? George
- 1b. What is your present address? Coboconk, Ont.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Norland, Ont., Lutterworth Township
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? George Bell
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Norland, Ont.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? father
5. What is the date of your birth? 31st May 1898
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Labourer
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No  
(Exclusive of members of the Imperial Forces)
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagements? yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the }  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? } yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, George Bell, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any unit of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date Feb 22 1916 George Bell (Signature of Recruit)  
W. J. [unclear] (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, George Bell, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date Feb 22 1916 George Bell (Signature of Recruit)  
W. J. [unclear] (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at: Coboconk, this 23 day of Feb 1916

Charles [unclear] (Signature of Justice)

M. P. W. 22.  
200 1/2-17-12.  
M. O. 1972-24-101.

<sup>1</sup>Mary Louise m 4 Mar 1910 Lutterworth Twp to Samuel Richard Rooney bn May 30 1882 s/o Richard & Annie [Watson]

<sup>2</sup>Lottie (Loretta) m John Bradimore 15 May 1912 at Victoria Road. Mother listed as Louisa Demot John was the son of Julia Bradimore Faulkner/ Falconer adopted son of John Trifley Bradimore & Mary Middleton (pts of Wm Lorne)

<sup>3</sup>Carrie (mother listed as Mary Louisa Demode) m 8 Jan 1913 in Toronto to Victor Edward Powell bn 1888 Coboconk s/o George & Sarah Jane [Preece/Pearce] Son Edward died Apr 9 1916 age 3 yrs, son Ralph Victor died Apr 6 1919 age 47 dys

<sup>4</sup>Rosie m 12 Oct 1923 in Minden, to Lawrence Calvin Barkwell bn Lutterworth 1902 s/o George & Mary Jane [McKee]

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## Siblings:

Mary Apr 21 1891

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**ATTESTATION PAPER.**  
109th OVERSEAS BATTALION, C. E. F.  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

**DUPLICATE**

**QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.**  
(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? *Bell*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *George*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Cobbe Creek, Ont.*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Norland, Dist. Lutterworth, Cornwall.*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *George Bell*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Norland, Ont.*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Yr. Sister*
5. What is the date of your birth? *31st May 1898*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Lumber*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *No*  
If so, state particulars of former service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *yes*

**DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, *George Bell*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

*George Bell* (Signature of Recruit)  
Date *Feb 22nd 1916* *W. J. ...* (Signature of Witness)

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, *George Bell*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

*George Bell* (Signature of Recruit)  
Date *Feb 22nd 1916* *W. J. ...* (Signature of Witness)

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.**

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the Declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Cobbe Creek* this *23* day of *Feb* 191*6*

*Charles ...* (Signature of Justice)

M. P. W. 25.  
20 M. 21-15.  
H. Q. 172-20 61.

Description of George Bell on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 18 years ..... months.

(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height ..... 5 ft 5 ins.

Girth when fully expanded ..... 36 ins.

Range of expansion ..... 4 ins.

Complexion ..... fair

Eyes ..... Light Blue

Hair ..... Brown

Church of England ..... yes

Presbyterian .....

Methodist .....

Baptist or Congregationalist .....

Roman Catholic .....

Jewish .....

Other denominations .....  
(Denomination to be stated.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officers.)

*Scar of Cut by axe on inner side of right knee just on inner side of Patella 1 1/2 in long by 1 in wide.*

**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.**

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date FEB 22 1916 191

Place Lindsay

*J. Macdonald*  
..... A. Capt.  
Medical Officer  
109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness.

**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.**

George Bell having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

*J. J. Allen*  
..... Lt. Col. (Signature of Officer)  
C. C. 109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.  
Date FEB 22 1916 191