

McRae, James Duncan

Born 22 Sept 1898 Kirkfield, signed up in Coboconk. Mother Elizabeth Richmond lived Bexley
Served WW1 724045, 109TH Overseas



In 1911 census, mother Elizabeth Richmond is living in Bexley, bn Sept 1876, with husband Bernie.

Unable to locate James in 1901 Census or Elizabeth with approximately the same birth year. The name is spelled in many different ways.

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

No. *724045*
Folio.

ORIGINAL
(NEW FORM)

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname? *McRae*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *James, Duncan*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Coboconk, Ont.*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Kirkfield, Ont.*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Elizabeth Richmond*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Bexley, Ont.*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Mother*
5. What is the date of your Birth? *22nd September 1898*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Laborer*
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*
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attached to serve in the (Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force)? *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

James Duncan McRae 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 Overseas 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.

Date: *Sept 22nd* 191*6* *James McRae* (Signature of Recruit)
W. H. ... (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

James Duncan McRae 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: *Sept 22nd* 191*6* *James McRae* (Signature of Recruit)
W. H. ... (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was questioned 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* on the *22* day of *Sept* 191*6*.

A. ... (Signature of Justice)

M. T. W. B.
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Description of Jacques Desrosiers on Enlistment.

Age 28 years
 Height 5 ft 4 in
 Weight 140 lbs
 Complexion Dark
 Eyes Blue Right
 Hair Dark Brown
 Church of Import. _____
 Frequenter _____
 Religion _____
 Roman Catholic _____
 Jewish _____
 Other denomination _____

Indicate by marks and marks indicating disposition possibilities or previous illness.

State the date of the last medical examination and the name of the physician or other person who examined you.

Health mark about 1 in being
 4 from marks in middle of
 back from spine opposite
 the lower bend of the
 scapulae

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 stand the required marches with other men; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he is not so fat as to be disqualified on that of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

Date FEB 23 1916

Place London

J. M. Black
 Medical Officer

12th Overseas General Hospital

NOTE: If the recruit is under 18 years of age, he will be liable for military service in the armed forces of the Crown, and will be liable to be called up for service at any time.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Jacques Desrosiers having been fully approved and accepted by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular being fully ascertained, I certify that I am satisfied with the execution of this Attestation.

J. M. Black (Signature of Officer)

12th Overseas General Hospital, C. S. F.

Date FEB 23 1916