

# BOVAIR, HAROLD WILLIAM

## EARLY LIFE

Oct 4, 1896

1911 Census

Age 15

Born in Pottageville, Ontario to Christopher William and Mary (Stephenson) Bovair.

Lived in King, Ontario with Christopher Bovair (head of house – father, age 43), Mary Bovair (mother, age 34), Christopher Bovair (brother, age 10), Mary Bovair (sister, age 7), Arianna Bovair (sister, age 5) and Lucy Stephenson (aunt, age 36).

## MILITARY SERVICE

May 23, 1917

Attestation  
Paper

Attested to the #7 Forestry Draft of Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

- **Number:** 2250889
- **Present address:** Strange, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mary Bovair (Mother) in Strange, Ontario
- **Trade or Calling:** Bushman
- **Married:** No
- **Previous Military Experience:** No
- **Religion:** Baptist
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 20 years, 6 months
  - **Height:** 5'8 "
  - **Complexion:** Ruddy
  - **Eyes:** Brown
  - **Hair:** Brown
  - **Distinctive marks:** Scar left knee, both eyes D30, hearing normal, nose and throat okay

Apr 17, 1919

Age 20

Harold William Bovair was discharged because of demobilization and he was also medically unfit for general services because he had albuminuria.

## MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME

### *Letters Home: Messages from the Trenches*

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## MENTIONED IN ALICE FERGUSON'S REMINISCENCES OF EVERSLEY

### *Honour Roll 1914-1918*

REMINISCENCES OF EVERSLEY, ONTARIO, King Township  
by Alice A. Ferguson (1950)

On the walls of St Andrews Presbyterian Church at Eversley hang two Honour Rolls of the boys who took part in both Wars.. How well I remember we would meet every week to fill boxes of food and things for these boys, sew them up in cotton and send them off. Rev Robert Brydon was minister at this time with dear old Dr. Carmichael assisting. He had retired after 50 years of service to the Tawse Manse House next to the Church. For 50 years he had lived at Strange, in the house that the congregation had built for him when he came to St Andrews Church in 1860 as the assisting minister to Rev John Tawse whose health was failing.

The Sunday School was flourishing and the Young People's Society and the Church Services were well attended every Sunday. All members of the families would attend divine worship, sometimes two pews were allotted to one family.

#### 1914-1918 Roll of Honour

Pte Harper F. Wells	Pte Henry S Ferguson
Pte Alex McDonald	Pte Fred Hope
Lieu Jas. T Jenkins	Pte Leonard Ferguson
Pte Melville Mitchell	Pte Leslie Hope
Corp T Harry Bovair	Pte Harvey Gellatly
Pte Septimus Ball	Pte J. Pearson Wells
Pte Norman Lloyd	Pte Cecil L. Wells
Pte Roger Gellatly	Pte Lorne Mitchell
Lieu Walter S Jenkins	Pte Arwood Cairns
Lieu Roy Wells	Pte Lindsey Ferguson
Pte Wm Cairns	Pte Arthur Bovair
Pte Alfred Hurst	