



CLIFT, RUSSELL CORNELIUS



Toronto Star

EARLY LIFE

Oct 11, 1895

Born in Toronto, Ontario to William and Blanche Clift.

1901 Census

Age 5

Lived in Toronto, Ontario with William Clift (head of house – father, age 45), Blanche Clift (mother, age 44), Charlotte (sister, age 21), Reginald Clift (brother, age 19), Matthew Clift (brother, age 14), Percy Clift (brother, age 12) and Edna Clift (sister, age 7).

MILITARY SERVICE

May 1, 1915

Attested to the 42nd Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 418977
- **Next of kin given:** Reginald Clift (Brother) at 867 Shaw Street, Toronto, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 12th York Rangers (3 weeks)
- **Religion:** Church of England
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 19 years, 8 months
 - **Height:** 5'5 ½ "
 - **Complexion:** Dark
 - **Eyes:** Brown

Jun 2, 1916

Age 20

Private Russell Clift was first reported missing. It was later known that he was killed in action. He is remembered at **Menin Gates (Ypres) Memorial** in Belgium. He is also remembered at the Kettleby Cenotaph in Kettleby, Ontario.

IN THE NEWS

Death Announcement

The Toronto Star

Thursday, February 8, 1917 pg. 5

NOW REPORTED KILLED.

Pte. Russell Clift, who is reported



to be missing since June 3, is to-day officially reported to have fallen in action, according to word received by his brother, Reginald Clift, of 867 Shaw street. Pte. Clift was 20 years of age and unmarried. He enlisted with a Montreal battalion, and

had been several months in the trenches before his disappearance.

IN THE NEWS

Aurora War Memorial

The Aurora Banner

Friday, March 20, 1925

Aurora War Memorial

The names given below are those of the fallen men of Aurora, King and Whitchurch, as ascertained up to the present time by the War Memorial Committee.

Will every reader of the Banner in Aurora, King and Whitchurch, please look carefully over the list and draw attention to any error in initials or spelling of name, or omission of any name, communicating with the Editor of the Banner or with J. G. McDonald, Secretary of the War Memorial Association, without delay.

The Whitchurch list is an official list that has been checked over and pronounced correct; but it is included in above so that any typographical error, if any, may be noticed and corrected.

Although some of the names on these lists may and do appear on some local memorials, it will not be too much honour to these men that their names should also appear on this larger memorial which from its location, its great size and architecture, will be visited by thousands of motorists and visitors aside from the people of Aurora, King and Whitchurch.

Township of King.

- Brown, Sherman
- Brown, Harold
- Clift, Russell
- Doyle, Max
- Doyle, Wilfred
- Ferguson, John
- Ferguson, Leonard
- Green, Percy
- Green, Roland
- Harper, Roy
- Howard, George
- Little, Telford
- McMaster, Thos.
- Merchant, Wallace
- Marshall, Aubrey
- Barker, Russell
- Routledge, John
- Stewart, Harry
- Stocks, Roy
- Watson, Townley
- Woodroof, Chas.