MITCHELL, MELVILLE LORNE CAMPBELL

EARLY LIFE

Jul 9, 1887

Born in Eversley, Ontario to Hugh and Elizabeth (Ireland) Mitchell.

1891 Census

Age 4

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Hugh Mitchell (head of house – father, age 53), Elizabeth Mitchell (wife, age 42), Lina Mitchell (sister, age 16) and Delamere Mitchell (brother, age 6).

1901 Census

Age 14

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Hugh Mitchell (head of house – father, age 64), Elizabeth Mitchell (mother, age 52) and Delamere (brother, age 16).

1911 Census

Age 24

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Hugh Mitchell (head of house – father, age 74), Elizabeth Mitchell (mother, age 62) and James Ireland (maternal uncle, age 52).

MILITARY SERVICE

Dec 24, 1915

Attestation Paper

Attested to the 127th York Rangers, Overseas Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

- **Number:** 778254

Present address: Eversley, Ontario

Next of kin given: Elizabeth Mitchell (Mother) in Eversley, Ontario

Trade or calling: Farmer

Married: No, sole support of mother

Previous military experience: Yes – 12th Regiment York Rangers

Religion: Presbyterian

Physical attributes:

Age: 28 years, 5 months

• **Height:** 5'8"

Complexion: Ruddy

Eyes: HazelHair: Red

AFTER THE WAR

Feb 11, 1920

Age 33

Married Gladys Arvilla Snider (age 24), daughter of William and Rose (Kaiser) Snider of Vellore (Maple), Ontario. Their proposed residence after marriage was Aurora, Ontario.

1921 Census

Age 34

Worked as a farmer and lived in Whitchurch, Ontario. He lived with Gladys Mitchell (wife, age 25), Elizabeth Mitchell (mother, age 72) and Wilfred McDonald (boarder, age 14).

1935 Voter List

Age 48

Worked as a farmer and lived in Holland Landing, Ontario with his wife, Gladys Mitchell.

May 1965

Age 77

Melville died in Holland Landing, Ontario. He is buried at King City Cemetery in King City, Ontario.

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. ReM 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 YoungPeople'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 Alex McDonald
Lieu Jas.T Jenkins
Pte Melville Mitchell
Corp T Harry Bovair
Pte Septimus Ball
Pte Norman Lloyd
Pte Roger Gellatly
Lieu Walter S Jenkins
Lieu Roy Wells
Pte Wm Cairns
Pte Alfred Hurst

Pte Henry S Ferguson
Pte Fred Hope
Pte Leonard Ferguson
Pte Leslie Hope
Pte Harvey Gellatly
Pte J.Pearson Wells
Pte Cecil L. Wells
Pte Lorne Mitchell
Pte Arwood Cairns
Pte Lindsey Ferguson
Pte Arthur Bovair

IN THE NEWS

Arriving Home after the War

The Aurora Banner Friday, April 11, 1919

KING

King boys who have just ar rived home from overseas:
Corpl. A. Kelly, M.M.
A. Law.
Charley Williams.
H. Bovair.
John Miller.
M. M. Mitchell.
A. Hollingshead.
Honor Roll
A. Howard.
T. Little.
W. Marchant.
Harry Stuart.

TO KING CITY BOYS

Are coming home,
For they brought peace
No more they shall roam.

They went away
To fight our fights
To save our country.
And to defend our rights.

Right we when you are
Our soldiers true,
For you did your bit
For the red, white and blue

Many are lying in Flanders field, For when death came They did willingly yield.

Father in heaven
Our thanks we give,
For our glorious heroes
Shall for evermore live.