

SAUNDERS, ELIHU ROSS

EARLY LIFE

Feb 8, 1898

Born in King Township, Ontario to Joseph and Margaret (Edwards) Saunders. He was the younger brother of *Walter Edward Saunders*.

1901 Census

Age 3

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Joseph Saunders (head of house – father, age 27), Margaret Saunders (mother, age 27), Joseph Saunders (brother, age 4), Walter Saunders (brother, age 6) and Marjorie Saunders (sister, age 1).

1911 Census

Age 13

Lived in East Gwillimbury, Ontario with Joseph Saunders (head of house – father, age 37), Margaret Saunders (mother, age 37), Joseph Saunders (brother, age 15), Walter Saunders (brother, age 16), Marjorie Saunders (sister, age 11), Harold Saunders (brother, age 9), Bernice Saunders (sister, age 8), Orville Saunders (brother, age 5) and Robert Saunders (brother, age 2).

MILITARY SERVICE

Jun 20, 1916

Attested to the 220th York Rangers, Overseas Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 285468
- **Present address:** Newmarket, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Joseph Saunders
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 10th York Rangers
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 18 years, 4 months
 - **Height:** 5'9"
 - **Complexion:** Dark
 - **Eyes:** Blue
 - **Hair:** Dark brown
 - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on left hand

AFTER THE WAR

Oct 20, 1920

Married Florence Violet Todd (age 19) of Toronto, Ontario, daughter of John Henry and Matilda (Clark) Todd. At the time of the wedding Elihu worked as an electrician.

Age 22

1921 Census

Age 23

Lived at 162 Beaconsfield in Toronto, Ontario with Matilda Todd (head of house – mother-in-law, age 50), Florence Saunders (wife, age 20), John Drummond (boarder, age 24) and John McCrae (boarder, age 25).