



SYDIE, JACK

EARLY LIFE

Aug 11, 1885

Born in Tottenham, Ontario to Alexander and Elizabeth Sydie.

1891 Census

Age 6

Lived in Tottenham, Ontario with Alexander Sydie (head of house – father, age 52), Elizabeth Sydie (mother, age 37), Jesse Sydie (half-sister, age 27), Minnie Sydie (half-sister, age 22), Agnes Sydie (sister, age 24), Jones Sydie (brother, age 19), Letitia Sydie (sister, age 13), Bella Sydie (sister, age 10), Edmund Sydie (brother, age 8), Laura Sydie (sister, age 4) and Emma Sydie (sister, age 1).

1901 Census

Age 15

Lived in Tecumseth, Ontario with Alexander Sydie (head of house – father, age 63), Elizabeth Sydie (mother, age 48), Jesse Sydie (half-sister, age 40), Agnes Sydie (half-sister, age 33), Bella Sydie (sister, age 20), Edmund Sydie (brother, age 18), Laura Sydie (sister, age 13), Emma Sydie (sister, age 10), Gladys Sydie (sister, age 7) Roxane Sydie (sister, age 2) and Leticia Cook (boarder, age 33).

MILITARY SERVICE

Dec 29, 1914

Attested to 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles, Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 106583
- **Present address:** Tottenham, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:**
- **Trade or calling:** Blacksmith
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Wesleyan
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 29 years, 4 months
 - **Height:** 5'11"
 - **Complexion:** Olive
 - **Eyes:** Brown
 - **Hair:** Black
 - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on left cheek bone, scar on chin

Jul 26, 1917

Age 31

Awarded **Military Cross**.

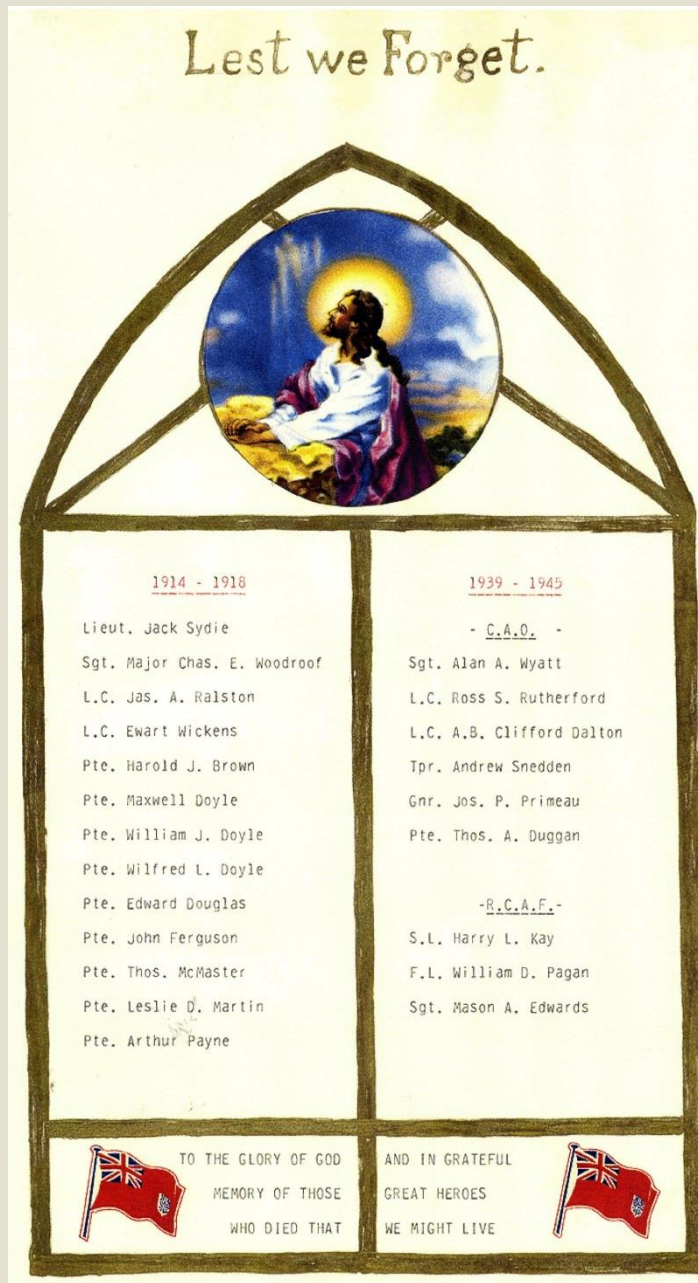
Aug 26, 1918

Age 31

Lieutenant Sydie **died from his wounds**. He is buried in Orange Hill Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France. He is also listed on the cenotaph in Schomberg, Ontario.

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When the great European War broke as a bolt from the blue, in 1914, many of the young men in and around Schomberg signed up and went overseas to take part in maintaining the principle upheld by the allied nations of the world. Many of these returned but many made the supreme sacrifice.

As a memorial to these unreturning brave, a monument was erected in the Agricultural Grounds. On this monument are engraved the following names:

LIEUTENANT JACK SYDIE
SGT.-MAJOR CHARLES E. WOODROOF
LANCE-CORPORAL JAMES A. RALSTON
LANCE-CORPORAL EWART WICKENS
PRIVATE HAROLD JOS. BROWN
PRIVATE MAXWELL DOYLE
PRIVATE WILLIAM JOS. DOYLE
PRIVATE WILFRED LAURIER DOYLE
PRIVATE EDWARD DOUGLAS

IN THE NEWS

Notice of Death

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Died of Wounds.
Lieut. J. Sydie, Tottenham.