

TRENT, ARTHUR AUSTIN

EARLY LIFE

Dec 13, 1893

Born in Whitchurch, Ontario to William Wilfred and Mary Ann (Clark) Trent. He was the older brother of *William Edward Trent*.

1911 Census

Age 17

Lived in King Township, Ontario with Aaron Clark (head of house - maternal grandfather, age 74), A.D. Clark (maternal uncle, age 37), Mary Trent (mother, age 44), Edna Trent (sister, age 19), William Trent (brother, age 16).

MILITARY SERVICE

Feb 7, 1916

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

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 778583
- **Present address:** Aurora, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mary Trent (Mother) in Aurora, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 12th Regiment York Rangers
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 21 years
 - **Height:** 5'9 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Blue
 - **Hair:** Sandy

AFTER THE WAR

1921 Census

Age 26

Worked as a farmer in King Township, Ontario with Mary Trent (mother, age 50).

Jul 18, 1923

Age 30

Married Beulah Estella Wood (age 22), daughter of Walter and Mary (Lloyd) Wood.

1976

Age 83

Arthur died and he is buried in Aurora Cemetery in Aurora, Ontario.

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IN THE NEWS

Letter to his Mother from Overseas

The Aurora Banner

Friday, February 8, 1918

Sapper Arthur A. Trent,
D Coy., 3rd C.C.D.,
Seaford, Sussex,
England.

Dear Mother,

Just a few hurried lines to you to let you know I am quite well and where I am to be located at present.

I have just returned from sick leave after spending a most enjoyable time in Ireland and Scotland. I found the people of Belfast and Glasgow very sociable and friendly. I spent the most of the time in Ireland, I might say eight of the twelve days granted me. My intentions on leaving convalescent were to spend an equal amount of time in each place, but owing to the submarine activity in the Channel, the ports were closed for several days. Several boats had been sunk during the week, so we were forced to stay, although being detained in such a pleasant place, there are no complaints at all.

I left Belfast 9 p.m. New Year's Eve and had a very nice journey across as the sea was calm and the moon shining bright. The boat was crowded so I selected a spot on deck and "believe me" I found it somewhat refreshing before landing. The train ride, a matter of five hours seemed tire some. We reached Glasgow about three in the morning, and to our surprise found crowds of people still celebrating the New Year. Some were returning home from parties, dances and other amusements. They were all making good use of the time, as New Years is a great day there.

When I arrived here the place seemed so desolate and quiet, and of course, naturally it would appeal to a fellow after enjoying freedom for twelve days. Here it is a matter of getting back into normal condition, and in order to do this, strenuous training is a necessity; but I assure you after having warm water to wash in and other things of the description, it makes the accommodation here appear to be a thing of the past. However, I think we shall soon become accustomed to the old way again. I have met quite a number of the 127th boys here. They are still smiling and going strong. I expect to be here for some time before going to my depot.

The climate is cold here at present but no snow in this district. I suppose there is plenty at home and the skating good.

Well, I must conclude for this time, trusting you and all are enjoying the best of health and hoping to hear from you at every opportunity.

I remain,

Your loving son,

Sapper A. Trent.

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