

Staff Sergeant Douglas Marr Brown (1888-1975)



Douglas was born on October 25th 1888 in Saint-Martins New Brunswick. He enlisted in 6th Field Company in 1916. After his training in North Vancouver was finished he transferred to the Engineer Training Depot in St. Jean, Quebec with the 50th Draft in February 1917. There it was discovered that he was ineligible for service in France due to an ear infection. He recovered and in August of 1918 volunteered for the Siberian Draft. On 3 Nov. 1918 he was promoted to Sergeant.

He returned to Vancouver and two weeks later sailed on the Canadian Pacific Steamship RMS Monteagle to Vladivostok, Siberia arriving on 5 Dec. 1918. He remained with the Siberian Expeditionary Force until its return to Canada in May of 1919. Wanting to stay in Siberia he transferred to the British Military Mission offering his services for one year. He stayed with them until 30 November 1919 when he again transferred, this time to the Canadian Red Cross. Except for a brief period in January of 1920, when he was re-assigned to the British Mission, he was with the Red Cross until he left Siberia. During that time he went on aid missions to Siberia, China and Mongolia where he helped thousands of people fleeing the Russian Civil War. On 15 Jan. 1921 he returned to Canada on the SS Venezuela.

After his return he moved to Greenwich, Connecticut. On September 13 1975 he passed away in Saint-John New Brunswick. He was survived by his wife and several nieces and nephews