

# WW I Enlisted Men & Women of Whitewater Region Project

## Private Hugh Gilmour

Hugh GILMOUR, son of James GILMOUR and Sarah Ann MOORE, was born on 28 Aug 1882 in Ross Township, Ontario. He was the second oldest of at least 12 children who were all born in Ross Twp., as well. His father James was born in Almonte and his mother in Huntley Twp., but were married in Beachburg in 1880 and living in Ross Twp by the 1881 census.<sup>1</sup>

Hugh enlisted on Mar 3, 1916 in Toronto where he was living at the time. He was a butcher, 33 yrs, 5 mos old. He was described as 5' 8 1/2" tall, 152 lbs, with a dark complexion, grey eyes, and dark brown hair. He signed up with the 180<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He listed his next of kin as his mother. However, the next of kin was soon changed to his new wife.<sup>2</sup>

Hugh married Margaret STUART, daughter of Alexander STUART and Elizabeth SMEDLEY, on 31 Aug 1916 in Toronto. Margaret was born in 1871 in England. She was a widow at the time of their marriage. She later married David Sneddon in 1928. She died in 1960 is buried in Park Lawn Cemetery at Toronto, Ontario.<sup>1</sup>

Pte. Hugh Gilmour embarked at Halifax for England on Nov 13, 1916. He suffered a gun shot wound to his left shoulder in the field and returned to England for convalescence. He was back at the front in France by May 17, 1918 with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Pte. Gilmour was killed in action on 9 Aug 1918 in Rouvroy, Pas-de-Calais, France.<sup>2</sup> The circumstances of casualty report stated<sup>4</sup>:

*"Killed in Action"*

*When with the section advancing in the vicinity of Rouvroy, and while firing his Lewis gun, he was instantly killed by an enemy bullet piercing his right breast.*

Pte. Hugh Gilmour was almost 37 years of age. He was buried in Bouchoir New British Cemetery at Bouchoir, Department of Somme, Picardie, France.<sup>3,5,7</sup> His service is also commemorated on the Ross Township Memorial Tablet at Trinity United Church, Forester's Falls.<sup>8</sup>

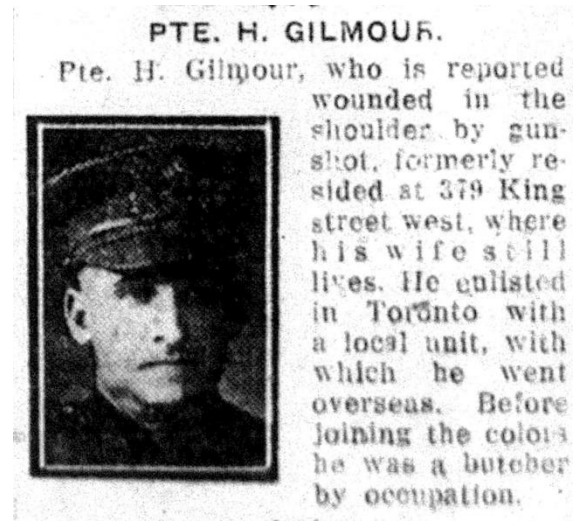


Image 1: Pte. H. Gilmour wounded<sup>3</sup>



Image 2: Ross Township Memorial Tablet<sup>8</sup>

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