

WW I Enlisted Men & Women of Whitewater Region Project

Private Lyle George Dougherty



Pte. Lyle George Dougherty, son of **Robert Francis Dougherty** and **Sarah Crozier**, was born on 24 Apr 1898 in Westmeath Twp., Ontario. He was the 5th of at least 7 children, 5 boys, one dying in infancy, and 2 girls. His parents were both natives of Westmeath Twp., and they farmed.¹ Lyle attended high school at Renfrew Collegiate Institute in Renfrew, Ontario.²

Lyle Dougherty enlisted into 130th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, in Renfrew, Ontario, on 15 May 1916. He was still a high school student, a month past his 18th birthday. He was described as 5'10 1/2" with a ruddy complexion, brown eyes, and dark brown hair. He weighed 145 lbs. Pte. Dougherty arrived in France with the 38th Battalion on November 15, 1916.³ In April of 1917, he was part of the force that were tasked to well over the crest of Vimy Ridge. The attack began in the early morning of April 9th.^{5,6,7} The objective was reached but Pte. Lyle

Image 1: Pte. Dougherty⁴ George Dougherty was killed in action on April 9, 1917 at Vimy Ridge, France.⁸ He was 5 days short of his 19th birthday.

Pte. Dougherty's sacrifice is commemorated at the Vimy Memorial, Vimy, Pas-de-Calais, France.^{9,10} He is honored on the Beachburg¹³ and Westmeath¹⁴ War Memorials. His name is also listed on the Renfrew Collegiate Institute Honour Roll for WWI.²



Image 2: Beachburg War Memorial¹³

In Memory Of
Private
LYLE GEORGE DOUGHERTY
Service Number: 788641
38th Bn., Canadian Infantry who died on 09 April 1917 Age 18
Son of Robert Dougherty, of Beachburg, Ontario, and the late Sarah Dougherty.
Remembered with Honour
VIMY MEMORIAL



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WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

Image 3: Commonwealth War Graves Certificate¹⁰

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