

WW I Enlisted Men & Women of Whitewater Region Project

Private Francis 'Frank' Sutton

Francis Sutton, son of Samuel Sutton and Isabella McGuirk, was born on 15 June 1886 in Stafford Twp., as per his birth registration, 1891 and 1901 census. However, his attestation papers indicate he was born on June 15, 1891. Frank's parents were both born in Ireland. He was one of at least 7 children and was the youngest boy.¹

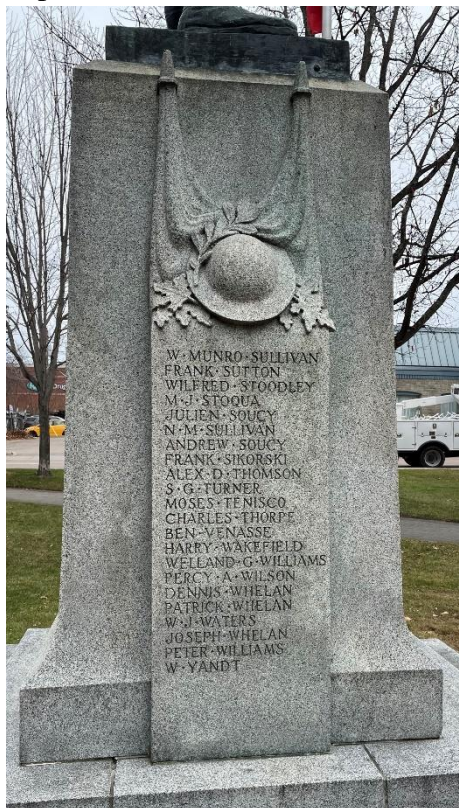
Frank Sutton enlisted on 15 Jul 1915 at Ottawa. He was listed as 25 years old but according to birthdate was 29 years old. His occupation was listed as railroading. He was described as 5' 8 3/4", 170 lbs, with a medium complexion, grey eyes, and black hair.²

Pte. Sutton disembarked in Liverpool Jun 29, 1916. He was assigned to the 73rd Royal Highlanders of Canada on Jul 3, 1916 and embarked for France on Aug 12, 1916. He spent some time in Brook War Hospital in March 1917 with dysentery and the next month bronchitis. He landed in France on Nov 11, 1917 to serve with the 42nd Battalion. During his service, he worked on the railway working party and the tunnelling company.² He was killed in action on Sep 29, 1918.^{2,3} Pte. Sutton's circumstances of death registration record was among the records



Pte. Frank Sutton
Son of Mrs S. Sutton, Stafford,
serving in France with 73rd High-
landers.

Image 1: Pte Frank Sutton⁶

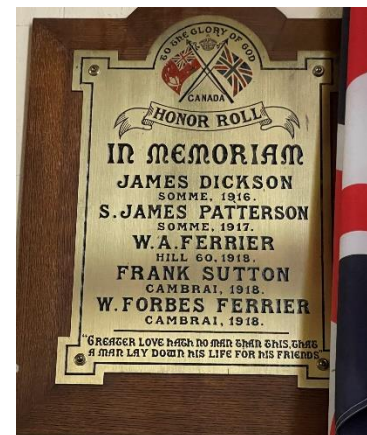


that did not survive however several other soldiers of his Battalion who died on the same day and were buried in the same cemetery, were killed as a result of enemy machine gun fire during an attack on Cambrai. He was buried in Cantimpre Canadian Cemetery at Sailly-lez-Cambrai, Departement du Nord, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France.^{3,4}

Pte. Frank Sutton is also commemorated on the Pembroke War Memorial⁷, the Greenwood Methodist Church WWI Memorial Plaque⁸, the plaque located at Greenwood United Church, honoring members of Greenwood Community who enlisted for Overseas Service⁹, and the gravestone of his parents at Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Pembroke¹⁰.

Image 2: Pembroke War Memorial (side view)⁷

Image 3: WWI Honor Roll, Greenwood United Church⁸



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