

Tom Hawkes 140092 was a Quartermaster Sergeant and saw army service during 1916 with the 3rd Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. Tom was attested in Toronto on the 2nd August 1915 having been with the militia previously.

The Battalion sailed on the SS Empress of Britain arriving on the March 29th 1916 at Bramshott And then being made up to the rank of Company Quartermaster Sergeant in April 1916 and then he was transferred to the 3rd Battalion CEF on the 19th June 1916 so would have seen action on the Somme. So not surprising really that by Sept 1916 he was in hospital suffering from Shell Shock in Le Havre and more shockingly stripped of his rank for being ill.

He was sent back to England and on the 26th Sept 1916 and seen by a medical board who transferred him to the Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre in London.

Looking at his war record in 1917 and 1918 it looks as if he was desk bound doing work for the Canadian Central Records Office and even got a Good Conduct Badge in 1917 this would account for one of the addresses on his record being given as Naylor Road Peckham London.

Tom was finally discharged from the army on Jan 8th 1919 but returned home to Canada before then aboard White Star Line ship RMS Olympic arriving in Halifax on Dec 14th 1918 and was given leave until Jan 4th 1919 and then formerly discharged on Jan 8th 1919.