

## JESSE COOLING

Jesse Cooling was born on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1893 in Bardney, Lincolnshire. His father John was a farm foreman. In 1901 the family were living in Rushton, Northamptonshire.

By 1911 Jesse had found work as a domestic Groom for a Dr Walls at The Mount, Burgh le Marsh.

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 1912 Jesse left Liverpool for Canada, sailing with the Allan Line Steamship Company on the Victorian, arriving at the port of Halifax on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1912. He appears to have sailed on his own, aged 18. Jesse was heading for Toronto, leaving his life in England as a farm labourer.

Jesse enlisted with the 1st Battalion Edmonton Fusiliers on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1914 at Valcartier in Canada. CFB Valcartier was originally erected as a military training camp in August 1914 as part of the mobilization of the Canadian Expeditionary Force at the onset of World War I. The name Valcartier comes from the town of St. Gabriel de Valcartier, of which a large section was expropriated in order to create the military training camp. Due to its proximity to the port of Quebec, Valcartier became the largest military camp on Canadian soil, including some 32,000 men and 8,000 horses.

At the time of his enlistment, his father John was living in Dalby. Jesse was working as a strapper at the time of enlistment. A strapper worked on wooden ships tying the frames of a vessel together by the application of steel or iron straps diagonally across the frames. These straps were set in, so that the face of the strap came flush with the face of the frame. The strapper was usually a rough carpenter who could use the axe, broadaxe, adze and hatchet and understood bolting; with experience as a ship carpenter and able to use the adze in overhead work; also, familiar with the use of pneumatic drills and hammers. These tools were used extensively in this work.

Jesse was 23 years and 11 months old when he enlisted. He stood 5'5½ " tall with a 37" chest when fully expanded. He was of dark complexion with hazel eyes and black hair. He had a small mole in front of and behind his left shoulder. His regimental Number was 19381.

The Edmonton Fusiliers joined the Battle of the Somme on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. Jesse Cooling was killed on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1916. The War Diary reads as follows:

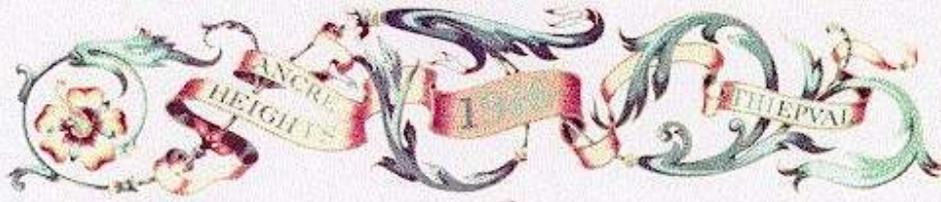
WAR DIARY		Army Form C. 2118	
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY			
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Place	Date	Hour	
Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices	
Field	6-7-18	<p>Fine and warm. First Canadian Infantry Brigade Operation Order No 20 (4-53) received no change of 1st Canadian Division frontage, to be carried out July 18th, the 1st Canadian Division to assume from that date command of sector, trench 33 to the POINTE (between PIPERS-COMBINES ROAD) 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade to go into Divisional Reserve. Letters 4-20 and 4-21 with reference to Operation Order No 5W received, Capt G.V. GUNNEY acting Brigade Intelligence Officer, made a reconnaissance of German wire on MOUNT SORELL and reported same as being formidable obstacle.</p> <p>08.30 Hostile aircraft extremely active reconnoitering our positions.</p> <p>09.00 Light bombardment of MOUNT SORELL.</p> <p>11.45 Intense bombardment of German positions on MOUNT SORELL opened, within 90 seconds enemy retaliation was most severe, but spread over a wide front, several casualties in our trenches. The 4th Canadian Battalion attack at midnight failed, being held up by hostile machine gun fire, and by strength of wire entanglements. Situation fairly quiet on our front by 12.35am, by 12.55 dead quiet on whole front. Subsequently there was intermittent shelling on both sides but little damage to our trenches.</p>	<p>Pen</p>
Field	6-7-18	<p>09.05 Fine and warm. Enemy's guns ranged on our positions, our field guns and heavies retaliated, intense bombardment of our whole area, commenced and continued till 10.00pm, heavy trench mortars freely used by enemy. Between 9.00pm and 10.00pm enemy fire was lifted on to our support lines, many shells landing around Battalion Headquarters. Our trenches were severely damaged. Trench mortars and one machine gun buried, several dugouts buried, and about 100 men killed or wounded. The retaliation of our guns was slow, but insistent, from 9.00pm fire seemed about equal, from 9.30pm our superiority was established. The enemy apparently suffered as much as we did. During evening German balloons were up at six positions overlooking our area.</p>	<p>Pen</p>
Field	10-7-18	<p>10/11 Fine and warm. Little activity on our front. Intermittent shelling by enemy was followed on every occasion by speedy retaliation. Slicing enterprise carried out by 43rd Battalion which had relieved 36th Battalion on our left flank.</p>	<p>Pen</p>
Field	11-7-18	<p>2.20pm Fine and warm. Situation quiet</p> <p>Message from 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade B.M. 249 "You may consider your relief complete when</p>	<p>Pen</p>

Jesse Cooling is buried at the Hoge Crater Cemetery in Belgium.



He is recorded on Page 70 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance. A memorial to him stands in Partney Cemetery. His father John Thomas Cooling died 24<sup>th</sup> March 1930, aged 63. His mother Mary Ann died on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1958, aged 90. Both lie in Partney Cemetery.

His brother George Henry also served in the First World War.



Pte Comway, Harry 18<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 C. S. M. Comway, John P.P.C.L.I.  
 Pte Comway, Michael 3<sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy  
 I, Cpl Comway, Thomas John 49<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Alfred Joseph 1<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Alfred Joseph 28<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Cpl Cook, Arthur 24<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Arthur Wilham 49<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, David 29<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Donald 1<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Earl John R.C.R.  
 Pte Cook, Ernest Benjamin 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
 I, Cpl Cook, Ferguson 60<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Frederick James 1<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, George 1<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Harold Patrick 7<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Harry 24<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 I, Cpl Cook, Herbert A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Tr.  
 Spr. Cook, James Leslie 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Coy  
 Pte Cook, John 4<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, John 5<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cook, John Ross 13<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Cpl Cook, Joseph James 21<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Leonard M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 8<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Robert 8<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Robert M<sup>c</sup>Kearse 24<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Ross Stanley 1<sup>st</sup> Pur. Bn  
 Pte Cook, Sidney 4<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cook, Thomas Henry P.P.C.L.I.  
 Pte Cook, Walter 2<sup>nd</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cook, Walter Capus 14<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Walter Ernest 28<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, Walter Vincent 14<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, William 31<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, William Henry 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cook, William Henry 4<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cooke, Alfred 2<sup>nd</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cooke, Bernard Walter Northcott 10<sup>th</sup> Bn.  
 Pte Cooke, Collins Alexander 4<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cooke, David Greer 4<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cooke, Frederick 10<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooke, Harry C. 24<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooke, Howard Henry 29<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Lieut. Cooke, John Soden 27<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooke, Thomas Charles 15<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cookson, Francis A. 19<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cookson, James Russell 58<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Coole, Richard Foyle 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooling, Jesse 1<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooling, William Christopher 128<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Cpl Coombe, Alfred John 58<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Coombes, Thomas 42<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Coombs, Frederick 5<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Gnr Coombs, Joshua 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. C.F.A.  
 Pte Cooney, Patrick 50<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooney, Robert James R.C.R.  
 Sqd Coop, Leonard C.H.Q. Sig Coy  
 Pte Cooper, Alexander 27<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Alfred 5<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cooper, Andrew 56<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Cpl Cooper, Arthur 7<sup>th</sup> Fld Coy



Pte Cooper, Edgar Stanley 27<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Edward 15<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Edward 58<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Edwin 16<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Edwin Archibald 1<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Ernest 7<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Frederick Henry 1<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, George 4<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cooper, George Henry 29<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Gilbert Edward 16<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 I, Sgt. Cooper, Harold Arthur 73<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Harry 27<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Harry Aiken 29<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, Henry Richard 5<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cooper, Hubert John 10<sup>th</sup> Bn  
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 Gnr Cooper, John Alexander R.C.H.A.  
 Pte Cooper, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, William 24<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cooper, William John 4<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Coole, Frederick Dwight 14<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Coole, Gordon 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Coote, Harry Scott R.C.R.  
 Cpl Cope, Albert John 60<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Cope, Ernest John 1<sup>st</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Cope, John 60<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Copeland, George 24<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Lieut. Copp, Thomas Pearson 102<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Sgt. Copping, Colin Campbell 67<sup>th</sup> Pur. Bn  
 Pte Copping, Waller 120<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Copson, Paul 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Coram, Thomas Langford 26<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbett, Frederic 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbett, Edward Albert 228<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbett, James Frederick 4<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Pte Corbett, John 15<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbett, John William 10<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbett, Robert Henry R.C.R.  
 Pte Corbett, Roger John 31<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbin, Arthur Bertram 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbin, Arthur Tholl 44<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Pte Corbin, Eugene 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
 Cpl Corbin, Harold J. Corps Cye. Bn  
 Pte Corby, Harry 31<sup>st</sup> Bn  
 Gnr Corby, John 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. C.F.A.  
 Pte Corcoran, David 60<sup>th</sup> Bn  
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 Pte Corin, Norman James 4<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 Bdr Corish, Lloyd 12<sup>th</sup> Bde. C.F.A.  
 Pte Cork, Alfred Edward P.P.C.L.I.  
 Pte Corke, Charles Thomas 5<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.  
 Bdr Corkill, Edward Farr 11<sup>th</sup> Bde. C.F.A.  
 Gnr Corless, Robert 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. C.F.A.