


Nursing Sister: Dorothy Mary Y. Baldwin



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Dorothy Mary Yarwood Baldwin



October 10, 1891 - May 30, 1918

General Facts

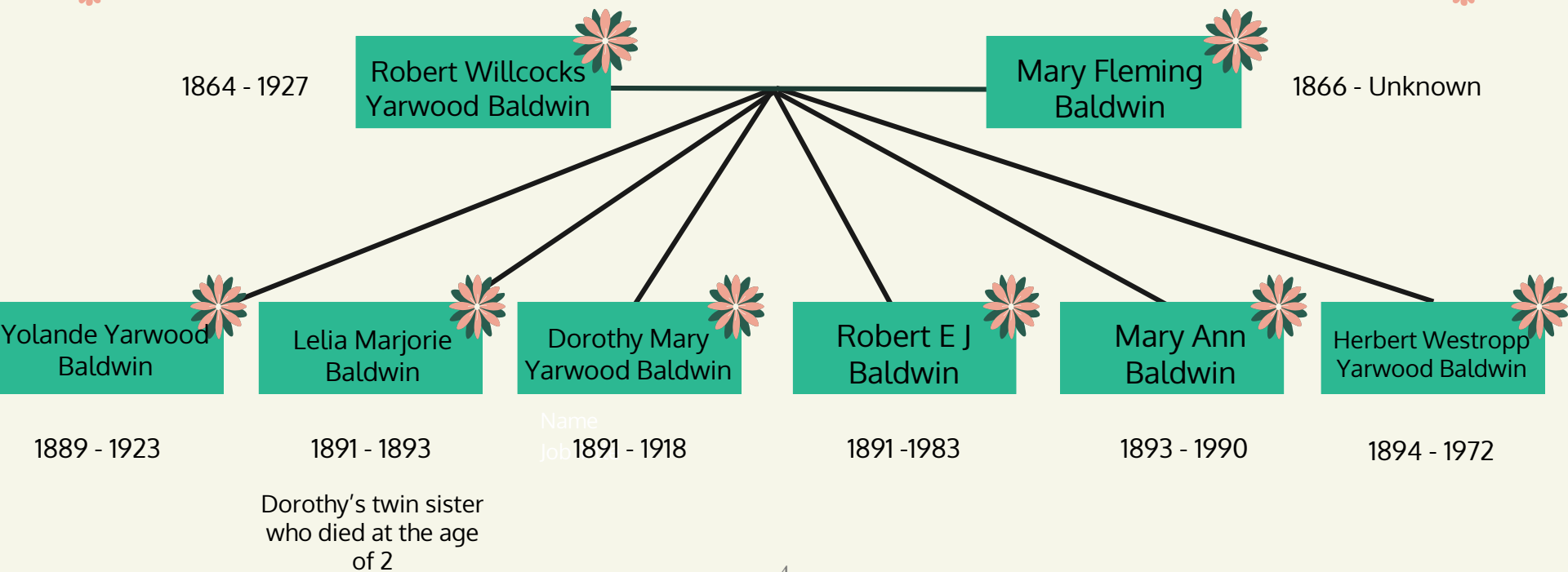


- Dorothy Mary Yarwood Baldwin was born on October 10th 1891 In Toronto, Ontario.
- She grew up part of the Anglican church.
- Dorothy was a nurse prior to the war.
- She enlisted on May 2nd 1917 at the age of 25.
- She listed her mother Mary Fleming Baldwin as her next of kin. Dorothy was living in Toronto at the time while her mother was living in Paris, Ontario.
- She was 1 of 6 children, she had a twin sister who died at the age of two.
- Dorothy was a nursing sister part of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, she enlisted in Toronto but departed from Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- She went on to serve in Orpington, UK at the No. 16 Canadian General Hospital, then a month later transferred to No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital in Doullens, France where she worked for a year before the hospital was bombed by enemy air raids resulting in Dorothy's death.





Family Tree



Officer's Declaration Paper



Regimental Number: Not found on any documents

Age (year of enlistment): 25

Race: Caucasian

Birth place: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Place of Enlistment: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Rank: Nursing Sister

Parents: Robert Willcocks Yarwood Baldwin and Mary Fleming Baldwin

Marital Status: Single

Profession: Nurse

Religion: Anglican

Examination Results: Fit to serve

Unit C. A. M. C. Rank Nursing Sister Name Dorothy Baldwin

OFFICERS' DECLARATION PAPER

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

BASE HOSPITAL

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY OFFICER

(ANSWERS) **ORIGINAL**

- (a) What is your Surname? Baldwin
- (b) What are your Christian Names? Dorothy Mary, Yarwood
- (a) Where were you born? (State place and country.) Toronto, Ont. Canada
- (b) What is your present address? 173 Southern Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- What is the date of your birth? Oct. 10th 1891
- What is (a) the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs. Mary Baldwin
(b) the address of your next-of-kin? Paris, Ont.
(c) the relationship of your next-of-kin?
- What is your profession or occupation? Nursing Sister
- What is your religion? Anglican
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
- To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong? C. A. M. C. 20
- State particulars of any former Military Service. Nil
- Are you willing to serve in the
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

The undersigned hereby declares that the above answers made by him to the above questions are true.

Dorothy Baldwin (Signature of Officer.)
Taken on strength (place) Base Hospital Toronto
(date) May 2nd 1917
C. A. M. C. (Signature of Commanding Officer.)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have examined the above-named Officer in accordance with the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Date May 2nd 1917

Place Toronto W. Ross
Medical Officer.

"Insert here 'fit' or 'unfit'."

M. F. W. 22
Form 22-22
11-17-17 3047





Locations of Dorothy Mary Y. Baldwin

Place of Birth: Toronto, ON, Canada

Present Address at time of Enlistment: 173 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, ON, Canada

Location of Enlistment: Toronto, ON, Canada

Location of Embarkation in Canada: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

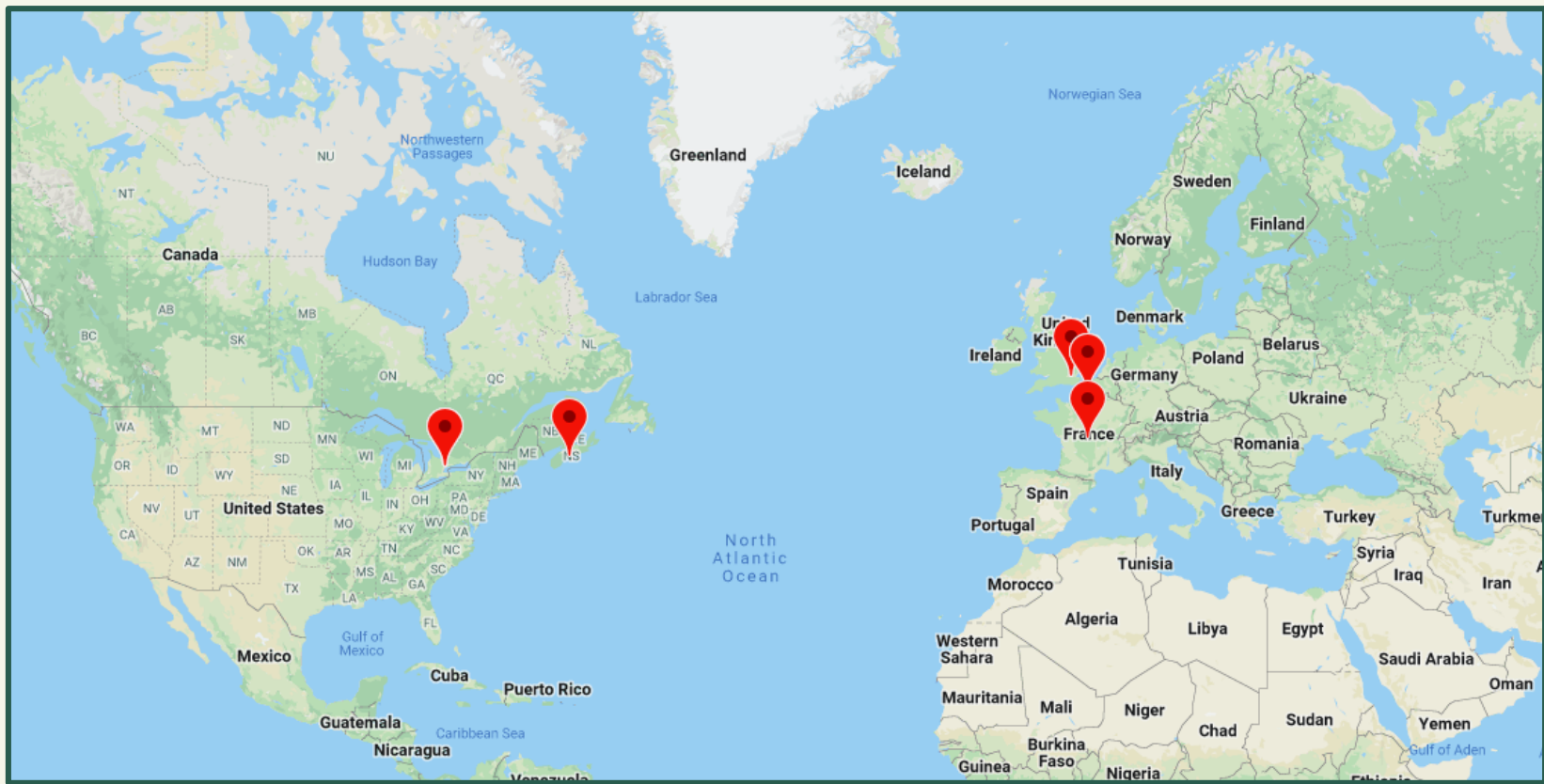
Location of Disembarkation in UK: Orpington, UK

Location of Military Medical Service: Orpington, UK then to Doullens, France

Location of Death: Doullens, France

Cemetery Location: Gezaincourt, France at Bagneux Military Cemetery





Nursing Information



Enlisted not conscripted into service and was a nurse prior to the war.

Departure ship: Not listed

Departure date: May 29, 1917

Departure Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Arrival Date: June 8, 1917

Arrival Location: Orpington, Kent, UK

Injuries/causality: Died of bombing wounds



Medical Exam

BASE HOSPITAL MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET (Duplicate)

Surname: Baldwin Christian Name: Cathy Mary Jawood

Examined on: 2nd May 1917 Approved by: [Signature]

Place: Base Hospital Toronto Rank: 2nd Lt M.O.

City or Town: Toronto County: York

Apparent age: 24 years

Trade or occupation: Graduate Nurse

Height: 5' 3" Feet: _____ Inches: _____ M.O.

Weight: 130 lbs. M.O.

Chest measurement: Minimum 35 inches M.O.
Maximum expansion 38 inches M.O.

Physical development: _____ M.O.

Small-Pox Marks: None M.O.

Vaccination Marks: (Arm) _____ (Leg) V _____ M.O.
(Number) 1-1-1-1 _____ M.O.

When Vaccinated last: _____ M.O.

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease: _____ M.O.

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection: _____ M.O.

Initiated on: _____ at _____

Joined on enlistment: C.A.M.C. (Canadian) Date: May 2nd 1917

Transferred to: _____

EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD.

Station: _____ Date: _____ Decision: _____

N. B.—This sheet is to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Service, on the sheet becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated on next page.

M. P. R. 115.
1917-18.
R. Q. 1773-4-15.

Enlistment Examination: Base Hospital In Toronto on May 2nd, 1917

Vision: Not listed

Weight: 130 pounds

Height: 5'3

Chest Measurements: Minimum 35 inches, Maximum 38 inches

Vaccines: Vaccinated once, is willing to be vaccinated further

Diseases: No previous diseases or marks

She was accepted into the Canadian Army Medical Corps and declared fit.

ANOTHER BRANT NURSE KILLED BY THE HUNS

**NURSING SISTER D. Y. BALDWIN
DIED OF WOUNDS ON
MAY 30TH.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Brantford, June 3. — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin, Paris, have received word that their daughter, Nursing Sister Mary D. Y. Baldwin, had died of wounds at No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, France, on May 30. Miss Baldwin spent the greater part of her life in Paris, but graduated from Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., and enlisted in that city for overseas service. She had been in France since July 25, 1917. Mrs. Powell of Galt is a sister, and she had a brother with the C. M. R. in France. The last word re-

TABLET WAS UNVEILED IN MEMORY OF NURSES

Simple and Impressive Ceremony
—Rev. Dr. Cody Read
Service.

Short, simple and deeply impressive was the ceremony which took place this afternoon at two o'clock in the wide corridor just outside the Legislative Chamber of the Parliament Buildings, when the memorial tablet to the memory of the nurses of the Ontario Military Hospital, Orpington, England, who gave their lives during the war, was unveiled by Major Margaret C. MacDonald, R.N.C., Matron-in-Chief of the Canadian overseas military forces.

Present for the occasion were the war relatives of the heroines whose names appear on the tablet. Nursing Sister Mary McKenzie, formerly of Toronto, who was drowned in the sinking by the enemy of the Hospital Ship Islander Castle; Nursing Sister R. E. Garbutt, who went overseas for service in June, 1917, and died of cancer the following August; Nursing Sister M. Lowe, of Blueville, Manitoba, who was killed during the bombing outrages at Reims in May, 1918; Nursing Sister D. H. Baldwin, who died as a result of wounds received during the enemy raids at Doullens, France, in May, 1918; and Nursing Sister M. E. Green, who died of double pneumonia, at No. 24 British General Hospital, Etaples, France, in October, 1918.

Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, former Minister of Education, read the memorial tablet.

The Roll of Honor

DIED OF WOUNDS.

LONDON.
Sergt. Robt. Wallace.
PARIS.
Sister Mary Baldwin.
WOODSTOCK.
Pte. Charles E. Dixon.
PRESUMED TO HAVE DIED.

AILSA CRAIG.
W. J. Hodgins.
PRISONER OF WAR.

WALLACEBURG.
Lieut. Elmer

LONDON.

Pte. T. J. H.

CHATHAM.

Sergt. Harry

WOODSTOCK.

Corp. Fred S.

ESSEX.

W. H. Wall.

PARIS.

W. G. Baker.

ST. THOMAS.

H. J. Herd.

WINDSOR.

S. H. Gray.

KITCHENER.

J. E. Padden.

LISTOWEL.

F. Vines.

KIPPEN.

George Wick

ADDRESS NOT

F. Hiller, 110



**NURSING SISTER DOROTHY
MARY BALDWIN.**

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Y. Baldwin, Paris, Ont. and niece of Mrs. J. W. Leslie, 39 Wilcocks street, who died of wounds on May 30, at Boulogne, France. Miss Baldwin was attached to No. 1 Canadian stationary hospital, and was a victim of the air raid last Friday.

LONDONERS WITH NO. 3 HOSPITAL KILLED IN RAID NOW TOTAL SIX

**Sergt. Gordon Wiley Reported to
Have Died As Result of
Wounds.**

The toll of Londoners who gave their lives to the brutality of the Huns when No. 3 Hospital was bombed

a few days ago is increased now reaches a total of six men and two women.

In addition to the list is a son of Mrs. A. G. Edward street, who, according to an official message received yesterday, died of wounds at

Boulogne as a result of injuries sustained in the raid.

Sergt. Wiley's mother is visiting in Chatham, and the message was received by his sister, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Wharnclyffe road.

The three other London men who met death as a result of the air raid were: Sergt. Robert Wallace, Sergt.-Major Ward, Pte. Clifford Chadwick. Nursing Sisters Baldwin and MacDonald, graduates of Victoria Hospital, were also killed, while Sergt. Harry Keller, of Chatham, was badly wounded.

All left this city with No. 3 Hospital, with Col. Casgrain in command, and saw service first at Lemnos, then Alexandria, Egypt, and afterwards France.

DOROTHY MARY BALDWIN
1891 — 1918
NURSING SISTER C. A. M. G.
KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN FRANCE

Dorothy Mary Baldwin
Nursing Sister C. A. M. G. May 30 1918



under the direction of the Deputy Minister of Public Works, and the chief Provincial Architect.

Toronto Star, March 29, 1920

Death

Baldwin unfortunately passed away on on May 30th 1918 in Doullens, France. Due to an bombing by a German aircraft on May 29-30 1918 at the No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Baldwin was wounded and soon died due to injuries sustained in the bombing.

Alongside those who also died in the attack, Baldwin was buried May 31 1918 in the Bagneux British Military Cemetery, in France



Inquiry Question



Why might the military want to know a Nursing Sister's religion?

- Religion might have mattered as the nurses could have served a role in helping with spiritual aid, while simultaneously be a good factor in deciding where the nurse would be buried based on their religion. This could have come with the negative side effects of discrimination based on the nurses religion or lack of religion.



Inquiry Question



Why do you think one of the criteria in the enlistment of a Nursing Sister was that they had to be single?

- It can be assumed that one of the criteria for enlisting as a nursing sister was that they had to be single, due to the fact that married women were seen as property of their husbands and would need to stay home to do their work around the house and take care of their children when their husbands were away at war.

Limitations

Information about Baldwin unattainable:

- ❖ Physical characteristics (ie. eye/hair colour, body measurements, dental records, identifying marks)
 - However is known to be deemed fit to be a nurse, therefore suits minimum physical requirements.
- ❖ Regimental Number
- ❖ Medical category (Nursing sister ranking)
- ❖ Vaccination records
 - Known to have 1 vaccination mark, unknown
- ❖ Personal life pre-war
 - Was only known to also be a nurse pre-war.
 - Considering the age of Dorothy when she enlisted she might have felt a great pressure to be married already as she was in her childbearing years. Considering she was single and previously a nurse she might have felt obligated to go help in the great war.

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