

# AGNEW, ALVAH XANTHÉ

## EARLY LIFE

**Apr 4, 1887**

Born in Lloydtown, Ontario to Edward and Ellen “Nellie” (Wright) Agnew.

**1901 Census**

Lived in Sarnia, Ontario with Nellie Agnew (mother, age 37) and Wilfred Agnew (brother, age 12).

Age 14

**Nov 18, 1915**

Attested to the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation  
Paper**

## MILITARY SERVICE

- **Number:** 552805
- **Present address:** 43 Mutual Street, Toronto, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. E. Agnew (Mother) at 43 Mutual Street, Toronto, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Merchant
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Presbyterian
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 28 years, 7 months
  - **Height:** 5’10”
  - **Complexion:** Fair
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Fair

**Jul 6, 1916**

Arrived in England on the “S.S. Olympic”.

Age 29

**Jul 4, 1917**

Gunshot wound in left arm and chest.

Age 30

**Jan 15, 1918**

Gunshot wound in left arm and deafness in right ear: “Partial deafness in right ear due to shell explosion, probably permanent”.

Age 30

**Sep 17, 1919**

Private Alvah Agnew was discharged because of demobilization. He served in France with PPCLI (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry).

Age 32

## AFTER THE WAR

**Jan 12, 1927**

Immigrated to the United States  
Departure Contact: Mother Ellen  
Port of Arrival: Detroit, Michigan, USA  
Arrival Contact: Brother Wilfred

Age 39

**Oct 24, 1927**

Married Marion Ellen Allen (age 30), daughter of George and Elizabeth (McKenzie) Allen of London, Ontario. At the time of the wedding Alvah was a traveller and Marion was a teacher.

Age 40

**1930 Census**

Age 43

**1940 Census**

Age 53

**Jun 23, 1958**

Age 71

Rented a house at 5041 Vancouver Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, USA and worked as a meat packer and lived with Marion Agnew (wife, age 33).

Rented a house at 18276 Sorrento Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, USA and worked a meat cutter. Lived with John Abisch (head of house, age 48), James Abisch (John's son, age 11), Marion Agnew (wife, age 40) and Alan Agnew (son, age 9).

Alvah died and is buried at Windsor Grove Cemetery in Windsor, Ontario.

**IN THE NEWS****Engagement Announcement**

The Globe and Mail

Saturday, October 8, 1927 pg. 18

**Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of Wingham announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlon, to Mr. Alvah Agnew of Detroit, the marriage to take place quietly the latter part of October. 63**