

# BELL, MELVILLE

## EARLY LIFE

**Jul 1, 1894**

Born in King, Ontario to William and Elizabeth (Wilson) Bell.

**1901 Census**

Age 10

Lived in Vaughan, Ontario with head of house William Bell (head of house – father, age 48), Elizabeth Wilson (mother, age 47), William Bell (brother, age 20), Herbert Bell (brother, age 18), Charles Bell (brother, age 16), Minnie Bell (sister, age 21), Ada Bell (sister, age 15), Bertha Bell (sister, age 13), Arthur Bell (brother, age 12) and Benjamin Bell (brother, age 8).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**Jun 15, 1915**

Drafted under Military Service Act, 1917, 1<sup>st</sup> Depot Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Regiment.

**Attestation  
Paper**

- **Number:** 3037307
- **Present address:** Pine Grove, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Maggie Bell (Sister) in Woodbridge, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 23 years, 10 months
  - **Height:** 5'4"
  - **Complexion:** Medium
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Brown
  - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on left thigh, mole on back

**Aug 29, 1918**

Age 24

He was deemed “mentally deficient and should be discharged from the army” by a psychiatrist.

**Sep 23, 1918**

Age 24

Private Melville Bell was discharged because of the partial loss of the function of his nervous system. Melville Bell was reported to be dizzy all the time and “does not know what month it is, nor the year; nor the date of his birth. Memory poor for both past and present events”.

## AFTER THE WAR

**Mar 7, 1921**

Age 26

Married Josephine “Susan” Routledge of Woodbridge, Ontario, daughter of Joe and Lucy (Balmer) Routledge.

**1921 Census**

Age 26

Worked as a labourer and lived with Susan Ball (wife, age 21) in Woodbridge, Ontario.

**Oct 18, 1967**

Age 73

Melville died and he is buried at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Woodbridge, Ontario.