

CAMPBELL, LORNE DEVERS



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EARLY LIFE

Nov 28, 1897

Born in Gilford, Ontario to Aaron and Mary Elizabeth “Minnie” Agar. He was **Earl Campbell**’s cousin and the one who persuaded him to join the 127th Battalion.

1901 Census

Age 3

Lived in King, Ontario with Aaron Campbell (head of house – father, age 37), Mary Campbell (mother, age 31), Reta Campbell (sister, age 1) and Marjorie Campbell (sister, 6 months).

May 1905

Age 7

Lorne Campbell’s mother died while giving birth to a stillborn baby brother. It was difficult for his father to take care of all the children so only Lorne Campbell remained on the farm. His sister, Reta was sent to live with a niece of their father, Ms. Asa Downey. Marjorie went to their father’s sister, Essie Dew. Eva Campbell went to live with their paternal grandmother at King Creek. Aubrey Campbell was sent to live with their maternal grandmother in Kleinburg. As a result of the shock at the time and the arrangements, there were some hard feelings when their father tried to reassemble the family following his third marriage with Kate McCallum, with whom it took a long time for the children to like. All the siblings returned except for Aubrey because Grandmother Agar did not want to part with her.

1911 Census

Age 13

He lived in King, Ontario with Aaron Campbell (head of house – father, age 48), Kate McCallum Campbell (step-mother, age 49), Reta Campbell (sister, age 12), Eva Campbell (sister, age 9), Aubrey Campbell (sister, age 8) and Wallace Sinclair (labourer, age 16).

Mar 13, 1911

Age 13

Lorne DeVers Campbell started high school at Aurora High School in Aurora, Ontario. He took the train to school but the times did not match well with his school schedule so he missed first period each morning and could not leave Aurora until 7pm. His father eventually arranged for him to board with a widow, Mrs. Dodds, a friendly, mothering woman who lived near the Town Park in Aurora.

MILITARY SERVICE

Jan 24, 1916

Attestation
Paper

Attested to the 127th York Rangers, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

- **Number:** 778497
- **Present address:** King City, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Aaron Campbell (Father) in King City, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 18 years
 - **Height:** 5'10"
 - **Complexion:** Dark
 - **Eyes:** Brown
 - **Hair:** Black

Apr 23, 1917

Age 19

Suffered a gunshot wound in the left shoulder. It occurred while he was unloading a wagon and a German plane was flying overhead and drawing fire from all directions. That is when a piece of shell had hit him and he had to spend a month in the hospital.

Sep 13, 1918

Age 20

Acting Sergeant Lorne DeVers Campbell was discharged because he was appointed to Flight Cadet in the Royal Air Force and started training immediately.

AFTER THE WAR

Jul 7, 1923

Age 24

Married Audrey Fennell Willson (age 20) daughter of Marshall and Rebecca (McKee) Willson of Aurora, Ontario. At the time of the wedding, Lorne Campbell was a student and Audrey Fennell Willson was a school teacher.

Mar 2, 1996

Age 98

Lorne died and he is buried at the King Cemetery in King City, Ontario.

MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME

Letters Home: Messages from the Trenches

Apr 26, 1917 pg. 1

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Sep 30, 1919

MENTIONED IN THE EARL CAMPBELL STORY

Early Life

Earl's cousin Lorne Campbell was the one responsible for recruiting Earl into the 127th Battalion.

Lorne was born Nov 28, 1897, enlisted in the 127th Battalion, York Rangers, January 6th, 1916 and went overseas on the Olympic that August. Lorne was part of the 2nd Battalion of the Canadian Railway Troops.

In January of 1917 the battalion was sent to France. Lorne had become fascinated with air warfare and in May of 1918 he transferred to the Royal Air Force and started his training in Hastings, England.



Lorne Campbell

Life in the Army

Earl's Recruitment and the 127th Battalion

In 1916, [Lorne Campbell](#), Earl's cousin came to King on a recruiting assignment for the 127th Battalion, York Rangers of Aurora and signed up [Earl](#) on February 14, 1916 – [Attestation Paper](#) at an auction sale in a barn on the same farm Earl purchased some nine years later in 1925. The farm was located on W ½ , Lot 8, Concession 4 in King Township.

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Women's Institute – Laskay: War Records



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Honour Roll 1914-1918

HONOR ROLL - 1914 - 1918

Roscoe Phillips - made the supreme sacrifice.
Harold Campbell
Lorne Campbell
Earl Campbell
Harold Boys
Aubrey Marshall - made the supreme sacrifice
Frank Teasdale
James Allen
Thomas Wise
Charles Williams
William Bowler
George Tate
Percy Butler
Sidney Stratford
Wallace Marchant - made the supreme sacrifice
John Mullen
Frank Rolf
John Kewell
Chester Ward
Harry Malseed
Sidney Goodswain
George Bainbridge
John Stubbs
George Howard
Samuel Moss

