

# GILLIES, RALPH CAMPBELL

## EARLY LIFE

**Mar 20, 1895**

Born in Gormley, Ontario to James and Almira (Marin) Gillies.

**1901 Census**

Lived in King, Ontario with James Gillies (head of house – father, age 47), Almira Gillies (mother, age 38) and Jean Gillies (sister, age 12).

Age 6

**Oct 5, 1917**

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

**Attestation**

**Paper**

## MILITARY SERVICE

- **Number:** 3038044
- **Present address:** King, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. Almira Gillies (Mother) in King, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Church of England
- **Physical attributes:**
  - **Age:** 19 years
  - **Height:** 5'8"
  - **Complexion:** Medium
  - **Eyes:** Blue
  - **Hair:** Medium

**Jul 26, 1918**

Diagnosed with gonorrhoea in Toronto. He was in the hospital for 7 weeks.

Age 23

**Nov 23, 1918**

Married Alma Victoria Upthegrove (age 21), daughter of Edway and Mary (Schmidt) Upthegrove.

Age 23

**Jan 29, 1919**

Sapper Ralph Gillies was discharged because of demobilization. He served with the Engineer Training Depot in Brockville, Ontario.

Age 23

## AFTER THE WAR

**Aug 31, 1919**

Ralph Gillies his wife Alma welcomed a daughter named Alma Lillian Gillies.

Age 24

**1921 Census**

Lived in Etobicoke, Ontario with Alma Gillis (wife, age 24) and Lillian Gillies (daughter, age 1).

Age 25

**Mar 17, 1960**

Ralph Campbell Gillies died at age 64 in Toronto, Ontario. He is buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto, Ontario.

Age 64

**MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME**

***Letters Home: Messages from the Trenches***

May 30, 1918 pg. 5

**IN THE NEWS**

**Returning Home**

The Aurora Banner

Friday, February 14, 1919

**KING CITY**

Sapper Ralph C. Gillies of Brockville has returned with his Toronto bride. Ralph is one of King's popular young men whom we all wish well. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gillies of this place.

**Daughter Lillian's Birth Announcement**

The Toronto Star

Tuesday, September 2, 1919 pg. 17

**GILLIES—On Sunday, Aug. 31, 1919, at Lyndhurst Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Campbell Gillies, nee Alma Victoria Uptegrove, a daughter, Alma Lillian**

**Obituary**

The Globe and Mail

Monday, March 21, 1960, pg. 36

**GILLIES, Ralph Campbell—Suddenly, at Toronto, on Thursday, March 17, 1960. Ralph Campbell Gillies, husband of Alma Victoria Uptegrove; father of Mrs. Jack Seymour (Lillian) of California; Mrs. L. M. Eades (Gloria); grandfather of John Ralph Seymour; and brother of Jean Smelser. At the Chapel of Morley S. Bedford, 159 Eglinton Ave. W., at Lascelles Blvd. Private family service on Monday. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery.**