

HILTS, JOHN ISAIAH

EARLY LIFE

Jan 18, 1893

Born in Whitchurch, Ontario to John and Alice Hilts.

1901 Census

Age 8

Lived in Vaughan, Ontario with John Hilts (head of house – father, age 45), Alice Hilts (mother, age 38), Minnetta Hilts (sister, age 12), Ella Hilts (sister, age 11), James Hilts (brother, age 9) and Jacob Hilts (brother, age 6).

Jan 3, 1916

**Attestation
Paper**

Attested to the 127th York Rangers Overseas Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force

- **Number:** 778236
- **Present address:** Temperanceville, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Alice Waites (Mother) in Preston, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 1 year with Bruce Regiment
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 22 years
 - **Height:** 5'6 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Grey
 - **Hair:** Brown

Aug 21, 1916

Age 23

Departed Canada through Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Aug 21, 1916

Age 23

Arrived in Liverpool, England.

Feb 24, 1917

Age 24

Landed in France.

May 18, 1919

Age 26

Sapper John Hilts was discharged because of demobilization. He was awarded a **British War Medal** and **Victory Medal**.

AFTER THE WAR

1921 Census

Age 28

Worked as a labourer and lived in Glenelg Township, Ontario with Arthur Wells (head of house – age 31), Mary Wells (age 32) and Edwin Wells (age 3).

Feb 10, 1979

Age 86

John died in Orillia, Ontario.