

PRIVATE GEORGE NICHOL SCOTT
1031126

Canadian Infantry, Quebec Regiment
Killed in action 1st October 1918
Born 29 October 1895, Berwick - on- Tweed
Twin brother of James McIntosh Scott
Enlisted 236th Battalion Fredericton,
New Brunswick, 2 July 1917
Son of David and Jane Scott
of 12 Church Street, Burbage
Sancourt British cemetery France,
plot 2, row A, Grave 22



George Scott and his family moved to Burbage as an infant living on Lutterworth Road before moving to the Old Police House at the Horsepool on Church Street. Along with his twin brother James he started at the National School Burbage at the age of three in November 1898.



Old Police House, Horsepool

On leaving school, he worked as Nursery Garden Boy at C. C. Hurst's Experimental Station where his father was employed as a Nursery Labour. As a young man, George along with fellow Nursery Boy John Adkin left his family in Burbage and emigrated to Boston, America probably to work for Gillette Razors.

His uncles Bill and Jack had emigrated previously and worked as Drivers for Gillette. As an incentive, the Canadian Government offered every new recruit on returning to Canada at the end of the war 165 acres of land.

At some time in the brief last 14 months of his life George returned to Burbage to visit his family and have photographs taken at Heawoods in Hinckley with some of his local friends who had enlisted in the Army and Carrigan from the Church Street Shop who had enlisted in the Navy.



George Nichol Scott with some of his local friends from Burbage

Twin brother James had enlisted locally and George tried to persuade him to transfer to his Canadian Regiment but James said they took too many risks. This probably saved James's life, but due to the bad conditions the British Army were fighting under, he contacted TB of the bowels and died painfully after the war in 1923.

The Canadian corps captured Sancourt Village on 29th September 1918, two days later on 1 October 1918 George was killed in action.

The British cemetery at Sancourt was made in October 1918 to accommodate the 200 casualties. George was buried here.



James McIntosh Scott/Unknown/
George Nichol Scott

NO. R.I. 25-S-5576,
R.A. 261018,
IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE ABOVE NUMBER.

To Mr. D. Scott,
16 Horsepool,
BURBAGE, Leicestershire.

CANADIAN RECORD OFFICE,
GREEN ARBOUR HOUSE,
OLD BAILEY, LONDON, E. C. 4.

Sir,

26th. October, 1918.

It is my painful duty to inform you that a report has this day been received notifying the death of No. 1031126,
Rank Private Name G. N. SCOTT,
Regiment 13th. Battn. Canadians which occurred ~~on~~
on the 1st. October, 1918. , and I am to express to you the sympathy and regret of the Militia Council at your loss. The cause of death was Killed in Action.

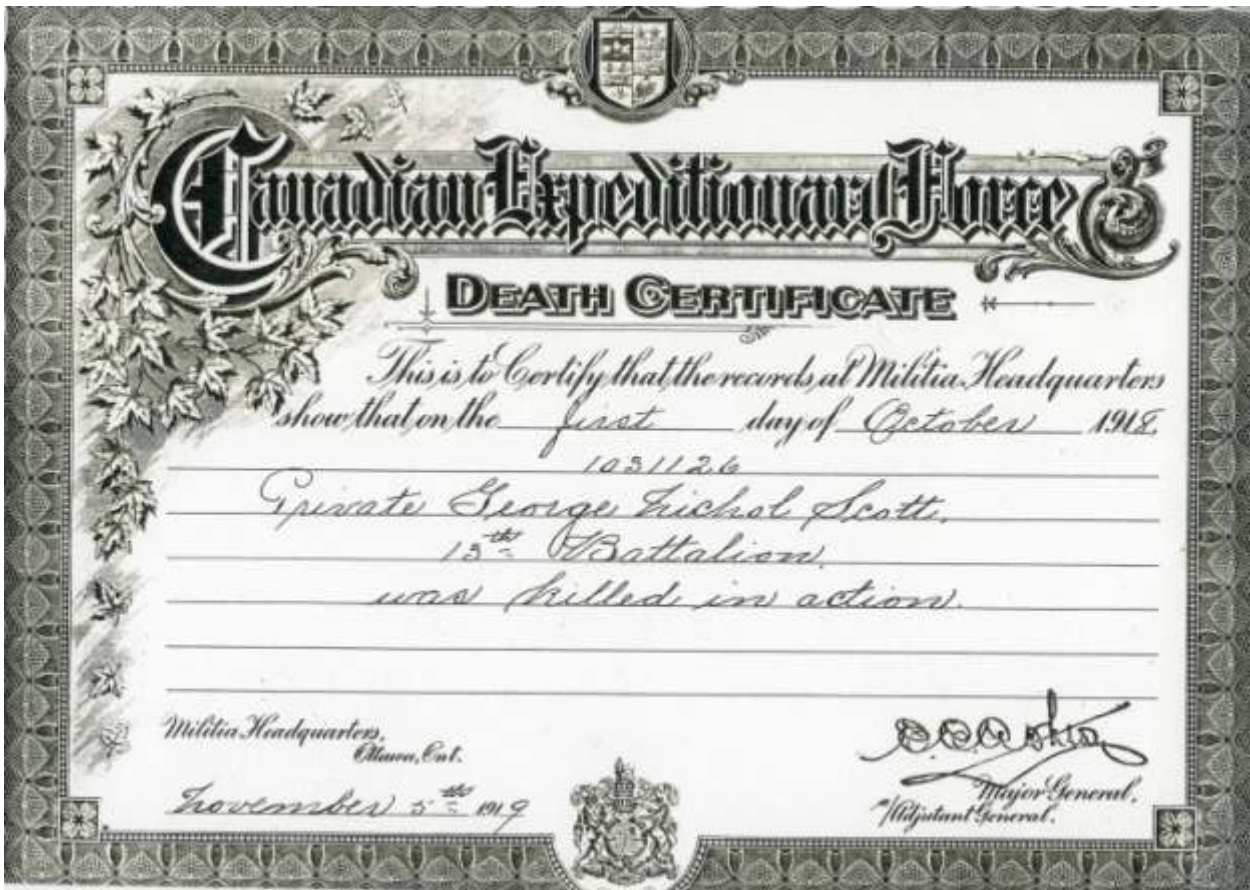
Further information regarding the personal effects and any balance of pay due to the military estate of the soldier will be communicated to you in due course by the Estates Branch, Canadian Contingents, Pembroke House, 133 Oxford St. London W.1. but some time must necessarily elapse before these questions can be dealt with. If you do not receive further communication in six weeks' time, please write to Estates Branch, quoting Reference No. above, also Regimental No., Name and Unit of the deceased soldier.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant

A. Anderson

A5. R107.10M.
5731-1-2-18.

Lt-Col. Lieut.
For ~~XXXXX~~ i/c Records.
O.M.F.C.



THE CANADIAN CONNECTION

When George Scott enlisted in Canada in 1917, it is known John Adkin and two other Burbage men, (names unknown) who had also emigrated with him also enlisted. Only one survived the war.