

Dan Hugh Gillis - WW1



Soldier Profile

- Full Name: Hugh Dan Gillis (Gillis, Hu... pp. 1, 5)
- Regimental Number: 116826 (Gillis, Hu... pp. 3, 5)
- Rank: Private (Pte.) (Gillis, Hu... pp. 5, 7)
- Date of Birth: August 12, 1882 (Gillis, Hu... pp. 1, 5)
- Place of Birth: Antigonish, Nova Scotia (Gillis, Hu... pp. 1, 5)
- Next of Kin: Dan Gillis (Brother), White Horse, Yukon (Gillis, Hu... pp. 1, 5)
- Trade/Occupation: Carpenter (Gillis, Hu... pp. 1, 6)
- Address upon Enlistment: Grand Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia (Gillis, Hu... pp. 1, 6)
- Physical Description: 33 years old, 5'8" tall, ruddy complexion, brown eyes, brown hair (Gillis, Hu... pp. 2, 6). He had distinctive scars at the angle of his right jaw and his right temple (Gillis, Hu... pp. 2, 6).

Service Timeline

1. Enlistment & Mobilization (April 1916)

- April 24, 1916: Initially taken on strength (Gillis, Hu... p. 7). He signed his formal Attestation Paper a few days later on April 28, 1916, in Victoria, British Columbia (Gillis, Hu... pp. 1, 5).
- Assigned Unit: Assigned to the 11th Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles (C.M.R.) (Gillis, Hu... pp. 2, 5).
- Medical Fitness: Pronounced medically "fit" for active service overseas (Gillis, Hu... p. 2). His records indicate he received his initial vaccinations and early anti-typhoid inoculations in May 1916 (Gillis, Hu... p. 11).

2. Desertion and Discharge (June–July 1916)

- June 1, 1916: Private Gillis went missing from his unit while still in Canada, less than five weeks after enlisting (Gillis, Hu... pp. 5, 9). His service timeline lists June 1, 1916, as the official date of his offense (Gillis, Hu... pp. 5, 9).
- July 7, 1916: Following an official inquiry, he was formally struck off strength (S.O.S.) under Part II Daily Order No. 86 with the definitive status of "As a Deserter" (Gillis, Hu... pp. 7, 9). His pay account was closed out by charges (Gillis, Hu... p. 7).
- Total Active Service: 1 month and 8 days. He never deployed overseas or saw combat.