

Allen Blackwell,

Corporal 707220, 2nd Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, British Columbian Regt.

Allan was the youngest son of James and Ann Blackwell of Duxford. In 1911 he was living in Cambridge, but five years later he had emigrated to British Columbia, where he joined up in Hazelton, on 1st July 1916. He was single and a farmer by trade. The Canadian records give a good description of him, aged 30, 5 feet 8inches tall, girth 37 inches, complexion dark, eyes blue, hair black.

He was killed in action on the morning of **6th November 1918** outside Quievrain, probably trying to secure river crossings as part in the Canadian Army's advance into Belgium and its liberation.

The circumstances of his death are recorded,

'This non commissioned officer was instantly killed by enemy machine gun bullets in the head and chest on the morning of 6-11-18.'

He is buried along with 25 of his comrades who were also killed on that day at Quievrain, in the Communal Cemetery, Quievrain, Hainaut, Belgium. He was 32 years old.