



Manley Grant Rice

Born February 2 1887 - Died May 28 1917

Introduction

It has been an interesting journey to discover Great Uncle Manley's history. I've always been curious about him since he died so young. Too sacrifice the comfort of family and home. Too travel far away to fight a war. I thought it was time that I honoured his memory.

Mom (Helen) would tell me stories of the summers she spent on the farm outside of Tyrone. I became very curious about her unusual name (Helen Manley Rice Burns) I needed to know why she had this middle name and what it represented. She was born July 23, 1917 just about 2 months after his death. I have run into 2 spellings Manley and Manly. At this time I haven't confirmed his birth certificate but he signed his name Manley.

I was about to say that I have completed this part of the family history and would like to share it with you. But family history research is never complete, there is always something to discover.

At this time I would like to say a very big special thank you to Al Lloyd. Without his assistance this document would never have been this complete.

Compiled by Great niece Karen Burns, Daughter of Helen Rice, Granddaughter to Sheldon Rice.

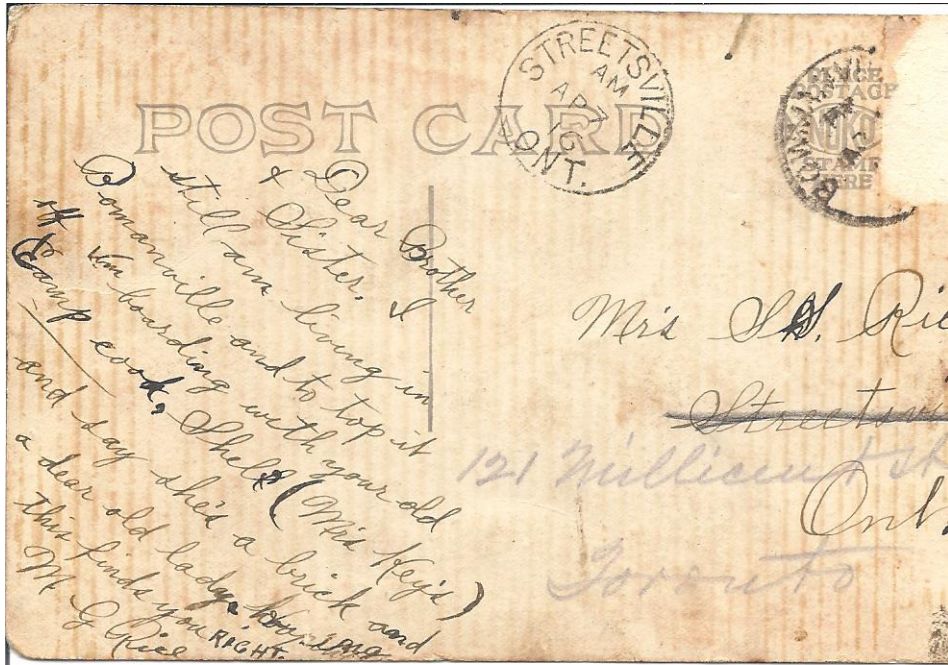
The Life Journey of Manley

February 2, 1887

The day that Manley Grant Rice was born was also the first official Groundhog Day. He was born at the farm in Darlington Township just north of Tyrone. At the time of his birth he had 14 brothers and sisters. (Yes I'll be working on those chapters as well.) His mother was 35 years old and father was 45. Manley remained the youngest. I don't know much about his first 28 years but I do know he worked the farm with his father Elijah and mother Sarah with most of his brothers and sisters. The farm was considered a general farm. This means various livestock and crops. I will give details and documents in another chapter.

I have traced his last 2 years of his life through the military.

January 26, 1916



Postcard to Brother Sheldon and Sister in law Daisy Rice. Postmark is April 7th 1916

"Dear Brother and Sister, I still am living in Bomanville and to top it off I'm boarding with your old Camp cook, Shel (Mrs. Key's) and say she's a brick and a dear old lady. Hope this finds you right. M.G. Rice."

Manley entered the service with the 136th overseas battalion CEF (Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force) in Bowmanville. He was 28, exactly one week away from his 29th birthday. He signed his Attestation Paper on this date and was issued a number 805319. This number has become very important in my research. It identifies him and doesn't confuse him with anyone else enlisted. His occupation was a farmer, single, no previous military experience given. Religion was Church of England.

This is the document.....

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. *805309*
Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.
(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? *Rice*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Lanley*
- 1b. What is your present address? *TYRONE*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Tyrone*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Elijah Rice*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Tyrone*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Father*
5. What is the date of your birth? *2 Feb /87*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *FARMER*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *Yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?
If so, state particulars of former Service. *No*
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the }
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? } *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Lanley Rice*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *26 Jan* 1916. *Lanley Rice* (Signature of Recruit)
W. H. Smith (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Lanley Rice*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date *26 Jan* 1916. *Lanley Rice* (Signature of Recruit)
W. H. Smith (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Braunau* this *26th* day of *Jan* 1916
W. H. Smith (Signature of Justice)

M. F. W. 22.
400M.-1-18.
H. Q. 1173-30-521.

Their badge...



Semper paratus – always ready

Month Day, 1916?

Left the Princess of Wales Armouries in Kingston for Halifax, Nova Scotia



September 25, 1916

Embarked on the SS Corsican at Halifax Nova Scotia with the 136th (Durham) Battalion with Commander Lieutenant – Colonel R.W. Smart who came from Port Hope with 33 years of military service.



October 6, 1916

Disembarked at Liverpool, England and proceeded to the West Sandling Camp, near Hythe, Kent. This is located on the south east shore of England. On arrival at the camp the 136th Battalion was absorbed into the 39th Reserve Battalion.

January 4, 1917

Transferred to and TOS (Taken On Strength) the 6th Reserve Battalion at East Sandling. Used as a reinforcing unit, the 39th was merged with the 154th and 155th Battalions and then used to form the 6th Reserve Battalion on 4 January 1917.

Definition of Taken On Strength;

It originated from the day when colonels were sort of contractors supplying regiments to the Crown and paid by the number of soldiers provided so that on the strength meant that a certain sum of money was paid for that individual to the col. He then had to pay, feed and clothe the soldier. It became the practice for some regiments to have more men recorded as 'on the strength' than were actually present. This provided some spare cash for various 'welfare' payments to sick or retired soldiers (but often just went straight into the colonel's pocket). Authorised soldier's wives etc. where also recorded 'on the strength' for distribution of rations. Some regiments would have such a discrepancy between the recorded no. of soldiers and the actual that colonels would be forced to borrow men from other regiments when inspectors came around. This was one of the many abuses that the (Grand Old) Duke of York began to stamp out in his time at the

War

Office.

By WW1 it meant that the regiment/battalion was responsible for feeding and accommodating the man and supplies / monies would be allocated for this purpose. Basically it means you are a permanent assignment.



30 Man huts at Sandling Camp - 1915

February 1, 1917

One day before his 30th birthday he was transferred to the 21st battalion.



February 2, 1917

Arrived at CBD (Canadian Base Depot) at Havre France and TOS the 21st Battalion

February 21, 1917

Left the CBD and proceeded to the 2nd Entrenching Battalion for condition to Trench Life

February 24, 1917

Joined the 2nd Entrenching Battalion in the field.

March 5, 1917

Joined the 21st Battalion in the field The 21st Battalion was in Divisional Reserve at Bois des Alleux. Their main task there was to supply men for work parties that maintained the front line trenches.

May 27, 1917

Severely wounded and admitted to No 6 CCS (Casualty Clearing Station)

May 28, 1917

He died of his wounds at No 6 CCS. The war diaries report artillery action at the time and this is may have caused his wounds that lead to his death.



Pte. Rennie, Albert Ernest. 18th Bn.
 Pte. Rennie, Alexander. 43rd Bn.
 Pte. Rennie, Andrew Scoular. 47th Bn.
 Pte. Rennie, James. P.P.C.L.I.
 Pte. Rennie, John. 7th Bn.
 Pte. Rennison, Charles Swinton H. 16th Bn.
 Pte. Renton, William. 28th Bn.
 Pte. Renwick, Francis Melvin. 58th Bn.
 Pte. Retallick, Arthur. 49th Bn.
 Pte. Rettie, William. 8th Bn.
 Pte. Reuss, Harry Harrison. 5th Bn.
 Pte. Revell, Harry William. 29th Bn.
 Capt. Revill, John Albert. R.F.C. (A.R.D.)
 Pte. Revill, Laurier Joseph. 20th Bn.
 Cmr. Revsboch, Rudolph Francis. 5th Bde. C.F.A.
 Pte. Reyburn, Thomas Gibson. C.A.M.C.
 Pte. Reygale, Sidney. 49th Bn.
 Pte. Reynard, Frederick. 31st Bn.
 Cmr. Reynolds, Arthur Hector. 1st Bde. C.F.A.
 Spr. Reynolds, Arthur Henry. 1st Lin. Coy.
 Pte. Reynolds, David Percy. 9th M.G. Coy.
 Lieut. Reynolds, Edgar Kinsey. R.F.C. (A.R.D.)
 I. Cpl. Reynolds, George. 15th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, George. 5th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, Harry Lorimer. 85th Bn.
 Lieut. Reynolds, Herbert John. 28th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, Howard. 19th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, John. 19th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, John. 9th M.G. Coy.
 Pte. Reynolds, Leslie Arthur. 19th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, Ralph Whitfield. 85th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, Rodney. 8th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, Thomas. 42nd Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, Vernon. 119th Bn.
 Pte. Reynolds, Walter Nicholas. 26th Bn.
 Pte. Rhacume, Antonio. 3rd Bn.
 Pte. Rhind, George Geddes. 20th Bn.
 Pte. Rhiner, Albert. 24th Bn.
 Pte. Rhoades, Borden. 85th Bn.
 Pte. Rhoades, Earle Caleb. 25th Bn.
 Pte. Rhodes, Albert. 16th M.G. Coy.
 Pte. Rhodes, Charles Ross. 7th Bn.
 Pte. Rhodes, Fred. 116th Bn.
 Pte. Rhodes, Herbert. 19th Bn.
 I. Cpl. Rhodes, Ralph Viking. 44th Bn.
 I. Cpl. Rhudens, William Harold. 85th Bn.
 Pte. Rhundrese, Archie Earl. 1st Bn.
 Pte. Ribbands, William Randall, M.M. 1st C.M.R.
 Pte. Ribbans, Albert Charles. 38th Bn.
 Pte. Ribbans, David. 44th Bn.
 Pte. Ribchester, Albert. 1st Bn.
 I. Cpl. Ribchester, Robert Dawson. 78th Bn.
 Pte. Ribkoi, Peter. 5th Bn.
 I. Cpl. Ribton, Reginald Heber, M.M. 18th Bn.
 Pte. Rice, Albert Lorenzo. 31st Bn.
 Pte. Rice, Arleigh Charles. 2nd Bn.
 Spr. Rice, Avarid Ainsley. 10th C.R.T.
 Pte. Rice, Bertie. 1st C.M.R.
 Pte. Rice, Earl James. 49th Bn.

Pte. Rice, Ernest Ewart. 47th Bn.
 I. Cpl. Rice, Frank Spur. 7th Bn.
 Pte. Rice, Frederick Elmer. 87th Bn.
 Spr. Rice, Frederick Voorhies. 7th C.R.T.
 Pte. Rice, Freen. 2nd Bn.
 Pte. Rice, Manly Grant. 21st Bn.
 Pte. Rich, John Henry. 31st Bn.
 Pte. Rich, Victor Thomas. 29th Bn.
 Pte. Richard, Dames. 26th Bn.
 Pte. Richard, James. 45th Bn.
 Lieut. Richard, Lawrence Brown. 14th Bn.
 Pte. Richard, Mick. 22nd Bn.
 Spr. Richard, Octave. 5th Hd. Coy.
 Pte. Richard, René. 22nd Bn.
 Pte. Richard, Valerie Albert. 24th Bn.
 Pte. Richards, Alfred Edward. 4th Bn.
 Pte. Richards, Andrew. 26th Bn.
 I. Cpl. Richards, Arthur Savours Gould. 5th C.R.T.
 Pte. Richards, Arthur Scott. P.P.C.L.I.
 Lieut. Richards, Earle Gordon. 4th C.M.R.
 Pte. Richards, Ernest Frederick. 1st Bn.
 Pte. Richards, Frederick George. 42nd Bn.
 Pte. Richards, George. 75th Bn.
 Cpl. Richards, Harry. 8th Bn.
 Pte. Richards, James Britton. 1st C.M.R.
 Pte. Richards, James Jamie. 1st Bn.
 Pte. Richards, James Henry. 21st Bn.
 Pte. Richards, James Henry. 15th Bn.
 Pte. Richards, John Edward. 25th Bn.
 Pte. Richards, John Stanley. P.P.C.L.I.
 Dvr. Richards, Thomas. 5th Bde. C.F.A.
 I. Sgt. Richards, William. 2nd C.M.R.
 Pte. Richardson, Albert Edward P. 38th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Blaine. 72nd Bn.
 I. Cpl. Richardson, Charles Douglas. P.P.C.L.I.
 Pte. Richardson, Dalton. P.P.C.L.I.
 Pte. Richardson, David. 87th Bn.
 Cpl. Richardson, Ernest Rixey. 46th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Frederick. 2nd Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Frederick James. 1st Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, George. 19th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, George Dunn. 19th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Harry, M.M. 16th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Harry. 50th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Herbert. 60th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Herbert Henry. 8th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, John. 45th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, John Edward. 26th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Joseph Roy. 47th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Percy Charles. 25th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Richard Jonathan. 1st Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Robert. 78th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Robert. 44th Bn.
 I. Cpl. Richardson, Roy Roswell. 87th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Samuel. 78th Bn.
 Pte. Richardson, Sidney Webster. 85th Bn.
 Cmr. Richardson, Wellington. 5th Bde. C.F.A.
 Pte. Richardson, William Alfred. 54th Bn.

Burial Information:

Barlin is a village about 11 kilometres south-west of Bethune on the D188, between the Bethune-Arras and Bethune-St. Pol roads, about 6.5 kilometres south-east of Bruay. The BARLIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY and EXTENSION lie to the north of the village on the D171 road to Houchin.





Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension

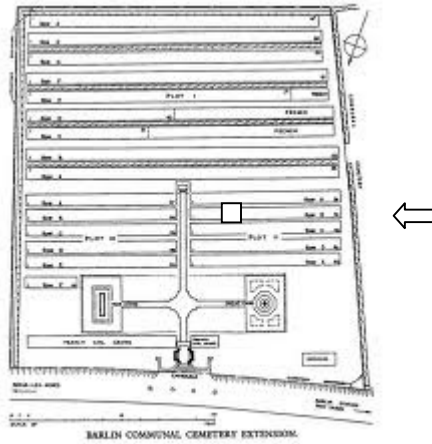
Grave location is left of the tree on the right hand side of the monument. Fourth row from the front.

Side view of cemetery, graves as far as the eye can see and there are many, many more cemeteries.



Cemetery:
BARLIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY
Pas de Calais, France
Grave Reference: II. B. 17.

Location:



Front of Barlin Cemetery



805319 Private

M. Rice

21st battalion CEF

28th May 1917

1. NO. 805319.	2. RANK OR RATING Private	3. SURNAME RICE	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES Manley,
5. UNIT OR SHIP 21st Battalion.	6. DATE OF CASUALTY 28.5.17.	7. H.Q. FILE NO. 649-R-6912.	8. RELIGION Church of England.
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY "Died of Wounds" at No.6. Casualty Clearing Station.		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
<small>NOTE—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.</small>			
12. CEMETERY BARLIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION.	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY 2½ miles South West of NOEUX-LES-MINES, FRANCE.	14. GRAVE LOCATION Grave: _____ Plot: _____ Row: _____	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
HD			
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

Map of Journey

1. October 6, 1916 Liverpool England
2. October 6, 1916 Hythe Kent, Sandling Camp
3. February 2, 1917 Havre, France (birthday)
4. March 5, 1917 Bois des Alleux
5. May 28, 1917 Buried at Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension



Manly Grant Rice

A Tyrone Boy

Tells a Little About Vimy Ridge.

Miss Lean M. Rice, Tyrone, has very kindly given us permission to publish portions of a letter from her brother overseas Pte. Manly Rice (805319), "C" Coy, 136th Battalion. He writes:

Dear Sister,—Your letter of March 9th I received but hadn't time to read it at the time and not until we—the 21st Battalion reached our object at Vimy Ridge by driving the enemy back. Then I goes back in a great cave which they formerly held and whom we took prisoners. I go down in it for shelter from shell fire which was something terrible. After a search for souvenirs, and looting through the bunks, boxes and tables, etc I sat down and read your letter and read, for it certainly was a terrible day during which time we lost a number of our men. You will likely have read of our successful work. Its where the Canadians got wonderful praise but not more than they deserve. I wish to say that its God alone I thank that I am here myself to write you this letter to let you all know I am still well and un hurt, and I must say God must be on our side and it is He whom we must look upon for victory which is sure to come but still may be far away and may mean an awful sacrifice of lives etc, yet. Never the less, I think it is His will. I think when practically all the nations are against one that it is quite decidedly a nation that is of an evil spirit, and it must be him above who has joined these nations with the true British and righteous nation. I suppose you will have heard of Willie Virtue getting wounded. What the boys call that is "Blighty"—that means that he goes to England.

We regret to announce that since the above was put in type the sad news has reached us that Pte. Rice has paid the price, his death being reported in Wednesday's casualties.

The above was taken from Bowmanville Statesman.

Deceased enlisted in the 136th Durham Battalion, Port Hope, on April 15, 1916, went overseas last fall and to France in March. He was wounded on 7th May and died the next day. He was 24 years old, and single. Previous to enlisting he spent 3 years in the West at Calgary and other points. Before leaving for England he visited his brother, Mr. S. S. Rice, Streetsville. He was the first of 35 grandchildren to fall and on the same day a cousin, Miss Josephine Mallory died at Fort Frances, after an operation. Deceased leaves five brothers and nine sisters, besides his parents who reside at Tyrone, Ontario.

The Rice Family



Farmhouse in Tyrone



Sarah & Elijah



General Store in Tyrone



Sarah & Elijah's 15 Children



Daisy & Sheldon



Sheldon & Daisy's 50th Anniversary

Resources:

www.army.forces.gc.ca

www.cefresearch.com

www.forces.gc.ca

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

Without the assistants of Al Lloyd this document would not have been possible. Mr. Lloyd is a dedicated volunteer that continues to research and document all the members of the 21st Battalion. I encourage you to take the time to view the outstanding websites I have had the privilege to resource. Most of the information and pictures are courtesy of these sites.

www.21stbattalion.ca

www.pwormuseum.ca