


Nursing Sister:  
Dorothy Mary Y.  
Baldwin



Allegra Sinclair & Dina Finjan



# Dorothy Mary Yarwood Baldwin



October 10, 1891 - May 30, 1918

# General Facts



- Dorothy Mary Yarwood Baldwin was born on October 10th 1891 In Toronto, Ontario.
- She grew up part of the Anglican church.
- Dorothy was a nurse prior to the war.
- She enlisted on May 2nd 1917 at the age of 25.
- She listed her mother Mary Fleming Baldwin as her next of kin. Dorothy was living in Toronto at the time while her mother was living in Paris, Ontario.
- She was 1 of 6 children, she had a twin sister who died at the age of two.
- Dorothy was a nursing sister part of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, she enlisted in Toronto but departed from Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- She went on to serve in Orpington, UK at the No. 16 Canadian General Hospital, then a month later transferred to No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital in Doullens, France where she worked for a year before the hospital was bombed by enemy air raids resulting in Dorothy's death.





# Family Tree

1864 - 1927

Robert Willcocks  
Yarwood Baldwin

Mary Fleming  
Baldwin

1866 - Unknown

Yolande Yarwood  
Baldwin

Lelia Marjorie  
Baldwin

Dorothy Mary  
Yarwood Baldwin

Robert E J  
Baldwin

Mary Ann  
Baldwin

Herbert Westropp  
Yarwood Baldwin

1889 - 1923

1891 - 1893

Name  
Job 1891 - 1918

1891 - 1983

1893 - 1990

1894 - 1972

Dorothy's twin sister  
who died at the age  
of 2

# Officer's Declaration Paper



**Regimental Number:** Not found on any documents

**Age (year of enlistment):** 25

**Race:** Caucasian

**Birth place:** Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Place of Enlistment:** Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Rank:** Nursing Sister

**Parents:** Robert Willcocks Yarwood Baldwin and Mary Fleming Baldwin

**Marital Status:** Single

**Profession:** Nurse

**Religion:** Anglican

**Examination Results:** Fit to serve

Unit C. A. M. C. Rank Nursing Sister Name Gertrude Baldwin

**OFFICERS' DECLARATION PAPER**

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

**BASE HOSPITAL**

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY OFFICER

[ANSWERS] ORIGINAL

- (a) What is your Surname? Baldwin
- (b) What are your Christian Names? Gertrude Mary Yarwood
- (a) Where were you born? (State place and country) Yorckville Ont. Canada
- (b) What is your present address? 173 Dowling Ave, Toronto Ont
- What is the date of your birth? Oct 10th 1891
- What is (a) the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs Mary Baldwin  
(b) the address of your next-of-kin? Paris, Ont.  
(c) the relationship of your next-of-kin?
- What is your profession or occupation? Nursing Sister
- What is your religion? Anglican
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? yes
- To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong? C. A. M. C. 20
- State particulars of any former Military Service. no
- Are you willing to serve in the  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? yes

The undersigned hereby declares that the above answers made by him to the above questions are true.

Gertrude Baldwin (Signature of Officer.)  
Taken on strength (place) Base Hospital Toronto  
(date) May 2nd 1917  
Edwards (Signature of Commanding Officer.)

**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

I have examined the above-named Officer in accordance with the Regulations for Army Medical Services.  
I consider him fit for the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Date May 2nd 1917  
Place Toronto W. H. M. J. O'Connell (Signature of Medical Officer.)  
Medical Officer.

M. F. W. 51  
FORM 10-10  
11-12-16  
11-12-16-10-11





# Locations of Dorothy Mary Y. Baldwin

**Place of Birth:** Toronto, ON, Canada

**Present Address at time of Enlistment:** 173 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, ON, Canada

**Location of Enlistment:** Toronto, ON, Canada

**Location of Embarkation in Canada:** Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

**Location of Disembarkation in UK:** Orpington, UK

**Location of Military Medical Service:** Orpington, UK then to Doullens, France

**Location of Death:** Doullens, France

**Cemetery Location:** Gezaincourt, France at Bagneux Military Cemetery







# Nursing Information



**Enlisted not conscripted into service and was a nurse prior to the war.**

**Departure ship:** Not listed

**Departure date:** May 29, 1917

**Departure Location:** Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

**Arrival Date:** June 8, 1917

**Arrival Location:** Orpington, Kent, UK

**Injuries/causality:** Died of bombing wounds





# Medical Exam

**BASE HOSPITAL**  
**MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET** **DUPLICATE**

Surname Baldwin Christian Name Orthy May Sawood

Examined (on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1917) Approved by [Signature]  
 at Base Hospital Toronto Rank Private M.O.

Birthplace (City or Town Toronto) County York

Apparent age 24 yrs

Trade or occupation Graduate Nurse

Height 5' 3" Feet Inches M.O.

Weight 130 Libs M.O.

Chest measurement (Minimum 35 inches) Maximum expansion 38 inches M.O.

Physical development M.O.

Small-Pox Marks None M.O.

Vaccination Marks (Arm None Leg ✓) (Number once) M.O.

When Vaccinated last 1913 M.O.

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease None M.O.

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection None M.O.

Initiated on day of May 1917 at Toronto

COMP	REAS. REUSE	REAS.	DATE
<u>C.A.M.C.</u>			<u>May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917</u>

Transferred to \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD.**

STATION	DATE	DISEASE	REMARKS

N. B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Service, on the man becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated on next page.

M. P. R. 114  
FORM 114  
M. Q. 1713-401

**Enlistment Examination:** Base Hospital In Toronto on May 2nd, 1917

**Vision:** Not listed

**Weight:** 130 pounds

**Height:** 5'3

**Chest Measurements:** Minimum 35 inches, Maximum 38 inches

**Vaccines:** Vaccinated once, is willing to be vaccinated further

**Diseases:** No previous diseases or marks

She was accepted into the Canadian Army Medical Corps and declared fit.

# ANOTHER BRANT NURSE: KILLED BY THE HUNS

**NURSING SISTER D. Y. BALDWIN  
DIED OF WOUNDS ON  
MAY 30TH.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Brantford, June 3. — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin, Paris, have received word that their daughter, Nursing Sister Mary D. Y. Baldwin, had died of wounds at No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, France, on May 30. Miss Baldwin spent the greater part of her life in Paris, but graduated from Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., and enlisted in that city for overseas service. She had been in France since July 25, 1917. Mrs. Powell of Galt is a sister, and she had a brother with the C. M. R. in France. The last word re-

ceived from the Paris hospital that organizes the county by

**Dorothy Mary Baldwin**  
Nursing Sister C.A.M.C. May 30 1918

## TABLET WAS UNVEILED IN MEMORY OF NURSES

Simple and Impressive Ceremony  
—Rev. Dr. Cody Read  
Service.

Short, simple and deeply impressive was the ceremony which took place this afternoon at two o'clock in the wide corridor just outside the Legislative Chamber of the Parliament Buildings when the memorial tablet to the memory of the nurses of the Ontario Military Hospital, Orpington, England, who gave their lives during the war, was unveiled by Mrs. Margaret C. MacDonald, R.N.C., Matron-in-Chief of the Canadian overseas military forces.

Present for the occasion were the near relatives of the heroines whose names appear on the tablet, Nursing Sister Mary McKenzie, formerly of Toronto, who was drowned in the sinking by the enemy of the Hospital Ship Landover Castle; Nursing Sister S. E. Garbutt, who went overseas for service in June, 1917, and died of cancer the following August; Nursing Sister M. Lowe, of Blueville, Manitoba, who was killed during the bombing outrages at Boulogne in May, 1918; Nursing Sister D. H. Baldwin, who died as a result of wounds received during the enemy raids at Doullens, France, in May, 1918; and Nursing Sister M. E. Greene, who died of double pneumonia, at No. 24 British General Hospital, Boulogne, France, in October, 1918.

Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, former Minister of Education, read the memorial tablet, reading the following:

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under the direction of the Deputy Minister of Public Works, and the chief Provincial Architect.

## The Roll of Honor

### DIED OF WOUNDS.

LONDON.  
Sergt. Robt. Wallace.  
PARIS.  
Sister Mary Baldwin.  
WOODSTOCK.  
Pte. Charles E. Dixon.  
**PRESUMED TO HAVE DIED.**  
AILSA CRAIG.  
W. J. Hodgins.  
**PRISONER OF WAR.**  
WALLACEBURG.  
Lieut. Elmer

WON  
LONDON.  
Pte. T. J. Hig

CHATHAM.

Sergt. Harry  
WOODSTOCK.  
Corp. Fred S.

ESSEX.  
W. H. Wall.

PARIS.  
W. G. Baker.

ST. THOMAS.  
H. J. Herd.

WINDSOR.  
B. H. Gray.

KITCHENER.  
J. E. Padden.

LISTOWEL.  
F. Vines.

KIPPEN.  
George Wick

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**NURSING SISTER DOROTHY  
MARY BALDWIN.**

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Y. Baldwin, Paris, Ont. and niece of Mrs. J. W. Leslie, 39 Wilcocks street, who died of wounds on May 30, at Boulogne, France. Miss Baldwin was attached to No. 1 Canadian stationary hospital, and was a victim of the air raid last Friday.

# LONDONERS WITH NO. 3 HOSPITAL KILLED IN RAID NOW TOTAL SIX

**Sergt. Gordon Wiley Reported to  
Have Died As Result of  
Wounds.**

The toll of Londoners who gave their lives to the brutality of the Huns when No. 3 Hospital was bombed a few days ago is increased now reaches a total of six and two women. In addition to the list is a young man, Edward street, who, according to an official message received yesterday, died of wounds at

Boulogne as a result of injuries sustained in the raid.

Sergt. Wiley's mother is visiting in Chatham, and the message was received by his sister, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Wharnciffe road.

The three other London men who met death as a result of the air raid were: Sergt. Robert Wallace, Sergt.-Major Ward, Pte. Clifford Chadwick, Nursing Sisters Baldwin and MacDonaid, graduates of Victoria Hospital, were also killed, while Sergt. Harry Keller of Chatham, was badly wounded.

All left this city with No. 3 Hospital, with Col. Casgrain in command, and saw service first at Lemnos, then Alexandria, Egypt, and afterwards France.

**DOROTHY MARY BALDWIN**  
1891 — 1918  
NURSING SISTER C. A. M. C.  
KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN FRANCE

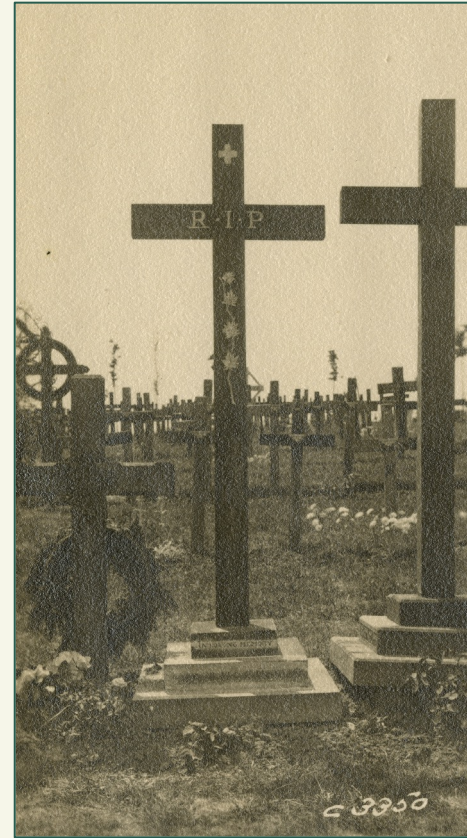




# Death

Baldwin unfortunately passed away on on May 30th 1918 in Doullens, France. Due to an bombing by a German aircraft on May 29-30 1918 at the No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Baldwin was wounded and soon died due to injuries sustained in the bombing.

Alongside those who also died in the attack, Baldwin was buried May 31 1918 in the Bagneux British Military Cemetery, in France



# Inquiry Question



**Why might the military want to know a Nursing Sister's religion?**

- Religion might have mattered as the nurses could have served a role in helping with spiritual aid, while simultaneously be a good factor in deciding where the nurse would be buried based on their religion. This could have come with the negative side effects of discrimination based on the nurses religion or lack of religion.



# Inquiry Question



**Why do you think one of the criteria in the enlistment of a Nursing Sister was that they had to be single?**

- It can be assumed that one of the criteria for enlisting as a nursing sister was that they had to be single, due to the fact that married women were seen as property of their husbands and would need to stay home to do their work around the house and take care of their children when their husbands were away at war.

# Limitations

Information about Baldwin unattainable:

- ❖ Physical characteristics (ie. eye/hair colour, body measurements, dental records, identifying marks)
  - However is known to be deemed fit to be a nurse, therefore suits minimum physical requirements.
- ❖ Regimental Number
- ❖ Medical category (Nursing sister ranking)
- ❖ Vaccination records
  - Known to have 1 vaccination mark, unknown
- ❖ Personal life pre-war
  - Was only known to also be a nurse pre-war.
  - Considering the age of Dorothy when she enlisted she might have felt a great pressure to be married already as she was in her childbearing years. Considering she was single and previously a nurse she might have felt obligated to go help in the great war.

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