

Donald MacMillan

Donald MacMillan Regimental No: 142447



Royal Engineers
Cap Badge

Donald was born in 1897 and at the time of the war he was staying at The Orchard, Blairlogie. He was a 19 years 7 months old, civil servant at the time of his attestation on 20th November 1915. Donald was 5 foot 7 1/4 inches tall when his chest was expanded it was 35 1/2 inches and had an expansion of 3 inches.

He joined up at 21 Jardine Street, Glasgow and was promoted to acting Lance Corporal on 21 November 1915 which he was then confirmed in the rank of Lance Corporal 21 November 1915.

He used the address of a Miss Nicholson of 2 Argyle Park Terrace, Edinburgh where details of his application for a motor cycle license was sent which gave details of his riding experience. At this time he was 19 years of age.

The contents of his application consisted of the following details: "riding a 2 3/4 Bradbury for last 4 months, riding regularly, first learned more than 2 years ago".

Donald applied to join the Royal Engineers, Special Reserve, (Motor Cycle Section) on 26th October 1915. He was accepted for the RE Signal Service Rest Camp at Bletcheley.

Donald was discharged from the Royal Engineers for the benefit of the public service for the purpose of being appointed to a commission in the Royal Field Artillery, with effect from 22nd December 1917. It is unlikely that Donald was back in action due to the time to train for his commission in the Royal Field Artillery. The London Gazette was searched but no note of commission was found for Donald, it is possible he was commissioned into another regiment or failed his training.

No further information concerning Donald has been found at this time and a search of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission site did not reveal any matches. So presumably Donald survived the war.