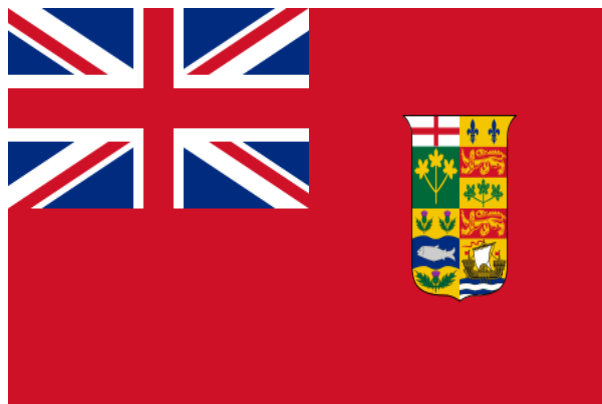


# *Canada - Soldiers of the First World War*

*1914-1918*

*Born in Durrington, Wiltshire*



Robert George Henry Butler, born in Durrington, Wiltshire, enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during World War 1.

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>GIVEN NAMES</b>	<b>REGT. No</b>	<b>DATE of BIRTH</b>	<b>PLACE of BIRTH</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>
Butler	Robert George Henry	204484	12 April 1872	Durrington	Farmer

## ROBERT GEORGE HENRY BUTLER

Robert George Henry Butler was born on 12th April, 1872 at Durrington, Wiltshire, to parents Robert & Clara Emma Butler (nee Goad). His birth was registered as Robert George H. Butler in the June quarter of 1872 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England. Robert's parents had married in 1869 at St. Stephen's Church, Paddington, Westminster. Robert Butler was listed as a Schoolmaster, the son of Edward Robert Butler, a Solicitor, at the time of the marriage. Clara Emma Goad (born India) was listed as the daughter of Charles Elliot Goad, a Lieutenant Colonel at the time of her marriage.

The 1881 Census recorded Robert G. H. Butler as an 8 year old scholar, living with his family at 24 Devonshire Terrace, Paddington, London. His parents were recorded as Robert Butler (M. A. Tutor (School), aged 49) & Clara E. Butler (aged 36). Robert was the eldest of 3 children listed – Edward C. A. Butler (aged 7) & Florence E. C. A. Butler (aged 5). The household also included a Governess & 5 servants – whose duties included Cook, Housemaid, Children's Maid, Kitchen Maid & Butler. Six others were listed as boarders.

The 1891 Census recorded Robert G. H. Butler as an 18 year old Student R. C. V. S., living with his family at 23 Edith Villas, Fulham, London. His parents were recorded as Robert Butler (Director Printing Co., aged 59) & Clara E. Butler (aged 46). Robert was the eldest of 3 children listed – Edward C. A. Butler (Actor, aged 17) & Florence E. C. A. Butler (Actress, aged 15). The household also included Emily M. Warrell (Cook (Temporary), aged 49).

A death was registered in the June quarter of 1892, in the district of Fulham, London for Clara Emma Butler, aged 45 - Robert George Henry Butler's mother.

Robert Butler - Robert George Henry Butler's father, remarried on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1897 at Holy Trinity & St. Peter Church in the parish of Wimbeldon, Surrey at the age of 65. Robert Butler married Sophia Lillian Godwin, aged 43.

R. G. H. Butler departed from Liverpool, England on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1901 aboard the *Parisian*, destined for the port of Montreal, Canada. Robert was recorded as a 30 year old Labourer. The Border Crossings from Canada to U.S. recorded Robert G. H. Butler as arriving at the port of Quebec on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1901 aboard the *Parisian*. He was recorded as a 30 year old, single, Rancher whose last residence was Salisbury, England. He stated that he had been in the U.S. for 10 years & was to join a friend – G. K. Butler Green Walsh Co. N.D.

The Border Crossings from Canada to U.S. recorded Robert G. H. Butler arriving at the port of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in January, 1905. Robert G. H. Butler was recorded as a 35 year old, single Labourer whose last permanent address was London. His final destination was listed as Park River, Michigan.

The Canadian Passenger Lists record Robert Butler, aged 40, arriving from Liverpool, England to the port of Quebec on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1911 aboard the *Virginian*.

Robert George Henry Butler enlisted with the Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1916 at Saskatoon. He was a farmer, aged 38 years & 10 months & his religion was Church of England. His address was listed as Salter P.O. Sask. & his place of birth was listed as Durrington, England. The next-of-kin was listed as Miss Katherine Carew, Fiancée, whose address was listed as c/o Mrs Gardner, Grove

Bungalow Holyport, Maidenhead, Berks. Robert George Henry Butler served with 96<sup>th</sup> Battalion & was given a Service number of 204484.

The 96<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Canadian Expeditionary Force were also known as Canadian Highlanders. The Battalion was based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan & began recruiting during the winter of 1915/16 in that city and surrounding districts. They sailed to England in September, 1916 & became part of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion.



Canada, Ocean Arrivals record Robert G. H. Butler arriving at the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia aboard the *Scythia* on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1922. He was recorded as a 53 year old, single farmer who had been born at Durrington, England. Robert G. H, Butler had recorded that he had previously entered Canada in October, 1911 & had departed Canada in November, 1916 with \_ \_ Troops. His reason for going to Canada was "returning home."

The Border Crossings from Canada to U.S. records Robert G. H. Butler arriving in October, 1923 at the port of Noyes, Minnesota, United States. He was aged 54 & Canada was listed as his Residence country. Final destination was recorded as Chicago, Illinois.