



# Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of  
Lieutenant  
**Gilbert Todhunter**  
who died on 20 May 1915

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## Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWI
<i>Service</i>	Army
<i>Unit</i>	10th Battalion, Alberta Regiment
<i>Rank</i>	Lieutenant
<i>Service number</i>	unknown(000005865)
<i>Date of death</i>	19150520
<i>Cause of death</i>	killed in action

## Narrative history

Lieutenant (10th Battalion, Alberta Regiment) Gilbert Todhunter (b.1889) of Estevan was KIA 19150520 at Festubert and is buried at Pont-du-Hem military cemetery, Nord, France. He was the son of George and Margaret A. Todhunter of Keswick, Cumbria, England. Gilbert was a carpenter and builder when he enlisted at Camp Valcartier, Québec, on the outbreak of the war leaving a wife Harriet (Bebbington) and daughter Eileen who subsequently moved to Kentucky and later to Connecticut.

The family in the UK has constructed a remarkable website ([www.gtodhunter.com](http://www.gtodhunter.com)) to tell the Todhunter's story, accompanied by hundreds of documents and photographs. According to the site, Gilbert and Harriet migrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1911 while Gilbert's sister Agnes (Aggie) moved on to Estevan where she was involved with missionary work for the Salvation Army. When Gilbert enlisted in 1914, he and Harriet decided to return to Cumbria and to use Aggie's address in Estevan as their address of record.

So, even though Gilbert's attestation shows his next of kin as "Mrs. Harriet Todhunter, P.O. Estevan, Sask.", there seems to be little reason to doubt the family's conclusion that he never lived there. Nevertheless the decision has been made to keep Gilbert's record in SVWM on the off chance that he and/or Harriet lived at Estevan however briefly.

The Todhunter family are extremely fortunate that Harriet took the time to assemble the outstanding documents that now form the basis of [www.gtodhunter.com](http://www.gtodhunter.com). One can only wish that more families, especially from the WWI era, had been so fortunate.

## Memorial information

*Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration* 5 - Estevan

*Grave or memorial location* Pont-du-Hem military cemetery, Nord, France  
(Link to Commonwealth War Graves Commission web page: <http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/66000/PONT-DU-HEM%20MILITARY%20CEMETERY,%20LA%20GORGUE>)

*Honour roll location(s)* -----

*Geo-memorial* -----

*Geo-memorial NTS map reference* -----



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## Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	18890218
<i>Place of birth</i>	Keswick, Cumbria, England
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19140924
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Camp Valcartier, MRC de la Jacques-Cartier, Québec
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Estevan
<i>Occupation</i>	carpenter

## Links to external web pages

### [Attestation](#)

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/first-world-war-1914-1918-cef/Pages/image.aspx?Image=640923a&URLjpg=http://data2.archives.ca/cef/gpc016/640923a.gif&Ecopy=640923a>

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<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/first-world-war-1914-1918-cef/Pages/image.aspx?Image=640923b&URLjpg=http://data2.archives.ca/cef/gpc016/640923b.gif&Ecopy=640923b>

### [CGWP](#)

<http://www.canadiangreatwarproject.com/searches/soldierDetail.asp?ID=38722>

### [The very elaborate website on Gilbert and his wife](#)

[www.gtodhunter.com](http://www.gtodhunter.com)

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