

Private Harry Hancock
Fort Garry Horse
Killed in action
1st April 1918



Pte. Hancock was born on 5 February 1884 in Cheshire, the son of Thomas and Sarah. He was 5' . 7" tall with brownish grey eyes and dark hair.

In 1901 he was living with his parents at 2 Park View Cottages, Burley Dam and working as a Groom.

He emigrated to Canada in 1910 and enlisted on 24 January 1916 at Winnipeg, Canada, giving his occupation as "Mechanic" and his next of kin as his father, Thomas of Combermere Cottage, Whitchurch, England.

Pte. Hancock was killed in action on 1 April 1918 and is remembered on The Vimy Memorial, Ash War Memorial and the Memorial Wall, McGregor Armoury, Winnipeg.

"On the Morning of April 1st the Brigade was ordered to carry out a dismounted attack on Rifle Wood just North-East of Moreuil. The Fort Garry Horse detachment of 176 men led the Canadian Cavalry Brigade into the heavily defended wood. Losses were again heavy but the attack was successful. 121 prisoners and 13 machine guns were captured and turned against the enemy. The successful attacks on Moreuil and Rifle woods were credited with stopping the German advance on Amiens and saving the city."

(History of Fort Gary Horse in WW1)