WATKINS, JOHN

John Watkins
WW 1 - ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY
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Legion

John Watkins was born in Golden in 1897 and lived in Brisco with his parents Ed and Lavina and siblings Charles, Annie, Joe and Lloyd. John signed up as a volunteer for WWI in 1916. From England, he was transferred to the 54th (Kootenay) Battalion in France. He took part in the Battle of Passchendaele enduring the wet and muddy trenches and suffered trench foot. He was able to continue as a truck driver until the war ended on November 11, 1918. Returning home to the farm in Brisco, he later married the local school teacher, Ivy Henry, and had three children; Mary, Mildred and Bert. John died in Kamloops in 1944.

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