

**THOMAS JOHN SPILLER, PRIVATE 47373 7TH West Riding Regt
PRIVATE R/4/140655 R.A.S.C.
27 JUNE 1901-15 MARCH 1975**

Thomas was born on 27 June 1901 in Yarcombe, his parents Harry and Bessie Spiller. By 1911 he was one of 6 children, and they'd moved to Howstead in Otterford; Harry was a farm carter. Thomas aged 9 was still at Brown Down school – he'd begun there on 25 November 1907, possibly (looking at the dates) when they'd moved from Yarcombe.

We have no further news of Thomas until he goes into the army; this must have been very late in the war – he'd only have been 17 in the summer of 1918 – and it's possible he never went abroad. He's listed as a Private in both the 7th West Riding Regiment and the RASC; he was demobbed into the Class Z Reserves on 5 February 1919. Unfortunately we have no idea what he did or where he was in that period.

After the war there was great change in the Spiller family. In April 1923 Thomas set sail to Canada in the SS Empress of Britain, travelling on by the Canadian Pacific railway to Cardale, Manitoba where his father Harry (and probably at least some of the rest of the family) was living. Thomas planned to go farming. He'd paid for his passage himself, and left his uncle John Spiller, his next of kin, at Venn Croft, Churchstanton.

Life in Canada must have worked out, as he remained there for the rest of his life. He married Bertha Mae Westbrook at Strathclair, Manitoba on 18 November 1925. She died in 1968, and Thomas in 1975; they are buried at Hamiota, Western Manitoba.

Admission Number.	Date of Admission.			NAME, Christian and Surname.	Date of Birth.			Name and Address of Parent or Guardian.	M claiming exemption from Religious Instruction.
	D.	M.	Y.		D.	M.	Y.		
352	5	12	04	Catherine Amelia Dampier	15	12	91	Ann Dampier Churchstanton	No
353	13	3	05	Nellie Matthews	4	8	01	Dan Matthews Otterford	
354	12	4	05	William Sock	25	1	00	William Sock Pitminster	
355	1	5	05	Percy Sootmore	29	10	01	John Sootmore Otterford	
356	1	5	05	Daisy Graham ^x	1	3	01	James Graham "	
357	3	5	05	May Board ^x	14	3	00	James Board Buckland	
358	8	5	05	Samuel Pring	15	6	01	George Pring "	
359	15	5	05	Daisy Hayes	1	1	02	Henry Hayes Otterford	
360	29	5	05	Henry Greenlade ^x	1	5	00	Frank Greenlade Buckland	
361	19	9	05	Tom Matthews ^x	19	9	02	Dan Matthews Otterford	
362	9	10	05	Frank Smith	19	4	98	Frank Smith "	
363	2	4	06	Frances Board	4	12	01	James Board Buckland St Mary	
364	2	4	06	Lucy Durman	20	11	93	Fred Durman "	
365	9	4	06	Tom Board ^x	11	5	01	Albert Board Otterford	
366	9	4	06	Matilda Spiller	31	3	97	" " "	
367	23	4	06	Dorothy Martin	13	3	01	Frank Martin "	
368	11	6	06	John Smith	23	10	01	Frank Smith "	
369	4	7	06	Annie Pring	30	7	02	Geo Pring Buckland St Mary	
370	3	9	06	Lydney Brewin ^x	27	8	96	Samuel Brewin Otterhead	"
371	3	9	06	John "	2	5	98	" " "	"
372	3	9	06	Kate "	5	3	00	" " "	"
373	"	"	"	Albert "	27	4	01	" " "	"
374	18	12	06	Alice Howsell	28	3	02	Wm Howsell Otterford	"
375	7	1	07	Florence Ayre	17	5	93	Wm Venn Otterford	"
376	25	3	07	Elsie Lock	1	1	02	Wm Lock Culmhead	"
377	3	6	07	Ethel Hutchings	17	7	01	Geo. Hutchings Priests Park	"
378	25	11	07	Mary Spiller	10	7	99	Harry Spiller Otterford	"
379	25	11	07	Thomas ^{John} Spiller	27	6	01	" "	
380	2	12	07	Matilda ^{John} Spiller	31	3	97	" "	
381	2	12	07	Sarah ^{Eliza} Spiller	29	5	98	" "	
382	2	12	07	Harry Spiller	23	2	04	" "	
383	2	12	07	Evie Kate Spiller	12	10	02	" "	

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

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ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders 301 & 308/1919 16/7/1919. of 1919.

On 10/11/19 or on becoming non-effective		NAME	Unit previously served with Regt. No. and Band as seen on entry into theatre of war	Theatre of war in which served								Ships awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations	REMARKS
Regt. No.	Rank			From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To			
47367 ✓	Pte.	LITTLELY, Benjamin	R/4/099462 Pte.										(a) Presented (b) Despatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	
			R.A.S.C. 47367											
47369 ✓	Pte.	FERRIS, Charles Henry.	R/4/37107 Pte.											Class Z. B.D.19.
			R.A.S.C. 47368											
47370 ✓	Pte.	BOTHWELL, James.	1/7th W. Rid. R. 47370 Pte.											Class Z. 10.3.19.
47372 ✓	Pte.	SPIELKE, Thomas John.	R/4/140655 Pte.											Class Z. 5.8.19.
			R.A.S.C. 47372											
49219 ✓	Pte.	JEFFREY, Albert.	1/7th W. Rid. R. G/41500 Pte.											Class Z. 26.8.19.
			2nd R. Fus. 40219											
			13th W. Rid. R.											Class Z. 24.5.19.

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above

Place Y O R K .
Date 3rd May. April, 1920.

Signature and rank of Officer certifying. _____

FORM 30A. **EXP. BRITAIN**, ORIGINAL

S.S. *Empress of Britain* Class *Lord* Date of Sailing *12-4-29*
 Agent *Can. Pac.* to *Cardale, Manitoba*
 (STATE NAME & RAILWAY)

DECLARATION OF PASSENGER TO CANADA 372

1. NAME *SPILLER John Thomas* Age *21*
 (PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS. GIVE NAME FIRST)

2. Sex *Male* Are you married, single, widowed or divorced? *Single*
 If married, are you accompanied by husband or wife? If so, give name of husband or wife

3. Present occupation *Farming* Intended occupation *Farming*

4. Birthplace *Yaroslavl* Race or people *English*

5. Citizenship *British* Religion *Ch of Eng*
 (IF PROTESTANT, STATE DENOMINATION)

6. Object in going to Canada *Farming*

7. Do you intend to remain permanently in Canada? *Yes*

8. Have you ever lived in Canada? *No* If you have, give Canadian address

Port of previous entry Date
 Port of departure from Canada Date

9. Why did you leave Canada?

10. Money in possession belonging to passenger *5 pds*
 (I am aware that I must have on my arrival in Canada the sum of \$)

11. Can you read? *Yes* What language? *English*

12. By whom was your passage paid? *Self*

13. Ever refused entry to, or deported from, Canada? *No*

14. Destined to *Father Mr. Harry Spiller, Cardale, Manitoba, full address*

(IF JOINING RELATIVE, FRIEND OR EMPLOYER (1) STATE WHICH AND IF RELATIVE GIVE RELATIONSHIP; (2) GIVE HIS OR HER NAME AND CANADIAN ADDRESS; (3) IF NOT JOINING ANY PERSON IN CANADA, GIVE YOUR OWN CANADIAN ADDRESS)

15. By which Canadian railway are you travelling to destination? *C P R*

16. Nearest relative in country from which you came *Uncle John Spiller Kenn Croft Farm Churchstanton Som*
 (NAME) (RELATIONSHIP)
 (GIVE FULL ADDRESS OF SUCH RELATIVE)

17. Are you or any of your family mentally defective? *No*
 Tubercular? *No* Physically defective? *No*
 Otherwise debarred under Canadian Immigration Law? *No*

(Before answering question 17 see the prohibited classes named in Immigration Booklet 30A which will be handed to you by Booking Agent.)

I declare the above statements are true: I am aware that an inaccurate statement constitutes misrepresentation and that the penalty is a fine, imprisonment or deportation.

Signature of passenger *John Thomas John Spiller*
 I hereby declare that the above is the signature of passenger and that I have handed passenger a copy of Immigration Booklet 30A.

Sig. of Booking Agent *Richard Fred Webb* *Winneton*

Thomas John Spiller

Birth: 27 Jun 1901 Yarcombe, East Devon District, Devon, England

Death: 15 Mar 1975 (aged 73) Rivers, Brandon Census Division, Manitoba, Canada

Burial: Hamiota Cemetery, Hamiota, Western Manitoba Census Division, Manitoba, Canada

Memorial #: 143321106

Family Members

Spouse

Bertha May Westbrook Spiller 1901-1968

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MARRIAGE

Name: Thomas John Spiller

Gender: Male

Spouse: [Bertha Mae Westbrook](#)

Marriage Date: 18 Nov 1925

Marriage Place: Strathclair, Manitoba, Canada

URL: <http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/Query.php>

