

GORDON HARMER CATCHPOLE (1903-07)

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| Date of Birth | 12 August 1893 |
| School Information | Brother of Leslie A Catchpole (1903-07) |
| Career Information | Fruit Farmer in British Columbia |
| Date Of Death | 11 May 1917 |
| Cause of Death | Killed in action |
| Location | Neuville St Vaast, France |
| Cemetery | La Targette British Cemetery, France - Plot II.A.24 |
| Rank | Driver |
| Branch of Service | 6 th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery |

In October 2014 there was an OF visit to his grave







In 2017 we were contacted by Daniel Catchpole a great nephew of Gordon. He and his wife visited the College on 1 July 2017 and then went on to visit his grave in France. He provided additional information on Gordon and his family and the pictures below.

When Gordon and his older brother Leslie left the College in 1907 they emigrated to a fruit farm in Hatzic, British Columbia on what is now Catchpole Avenue. There were younger brothers Basil and Desmond who didn't go to the College but who also emigrated with their father and mother. Desmond went on to become the Anglican Archdeacon of Vancouver.

Basil became a successful observation pilot in the war and settled back in the UK after the war, in Cambridge. Leslie (Daniel's grandfather) settled in Niagara Falls and had an engineering career with Ontario Hydro.

The two soldiers on each side of Gordon's grave, Saples and Johnston, were his friends on the gun when they were all hit by a shell. Leslie who was also on that gun just happened to be back at the main dugout at the time. This location was along the tracks (east side) in the town of Vimy.

