

PEI NURSE COMFORTS JOHN McCRAE



NURSING SISTER LILLIAN PIDGEON – Kensington, PEI

- graduate Royal Victoria hospital
1913, Montréal
- joined McGill Unit #3 Canadian
General hospital
- posted to Camiers, France to a
'tented' Canadian Hospital

(TENTS LEAKED & BLEW DOWN AT TIMES; HAD TO PIN UP
THEIR LONG UNIFORMS AND WEAR RUBBER BOOTS TO COPE
WITH THE WET AND MUD TO THEIR KNEES)

- 1917 Assistant Matron #3 CGH where Dr. John
McRae worked
- ordered to be 'special' nurse to Dr. J. McCrae
when he was ill & so was with him when he
died, Jan. 28, 1918, of pneumonia & meningitis
- nurses sent a pillow of purple violets for his
casket
- Feb 22, 1919, invited to Buckingham Palace &
only PEI nurse to be invested WW1 with Royal
Red Cross 1st Class- highest military nursing
award
- Matron – Prince County Hospital- Summerside
- Died, 1978 in Toronto