



Albert Butler

Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 5372

World War I

Born: 26 Aug 1899

Died: 1980

Place of Birth: Clarke's Beach,
Newfoundland

Parents: Christopher and Charlotte (Snow-Hussey) Butler

Albert enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on the 25th of May 1918. He was described as being just 5' 3 ½ " tall, weighing 139 lbs and having black hair with brown eyes. He is listed as a fisherman by trade, a Methodist by faith, single and 19 years old.

Although late in the war, Albert's Service Record covers a total of one year and 50 days of service. His official service record

contains the following entries by date, providing a timeline where he was at a specific time.

Service Record:

1. 23 – 05 – 18: Enlisted
2. 22 – 07 – 18: Embarked St. John's on the SS Columbella to Halifax, Nova Scotia.



SS Columbella

3. 23 – 11 – 18: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
4. 25 – 11 – 18: Disembarked France
5. 05 – 01 – 19: Joined battalion
6. 22 – 04 – 19: Transferred from Rouen
7. 23 – 04 – 19: Arrived Winchester, England
8. 22 – 05 – 19: To Newfoundland for demobilization
9. 01 – 06 – 19: Arrived Newfoundland
10. 11 – 07 – 19: Demobilized and discharged by certificate # 293

Like many soldiers, Albert made arrangement that his mother would receive an amount that was deducted from his pay and sent home to her. In this case, Mother Charlotte was to get 0.50 cents per diem from son Albert.

Albert had seen action in England, France and Germany. Now out of service and back home, Albert appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census living in

Clarke's Beach with his widowed mother
and three siblings

Following the 1921 census, Albert
disappears and can not be found in any
official Newfoundland documentation. It
seems he moved to Nova Scotia, perhaps for
work as many Newfoundlanders have had to
do. He married a lady named Reta and they
had at least one child for sure, a daughter,
Noreen.

Albert passed away in 1980 and is buried in
the Alfred Smith Memorial Cemetery at
Sydney Forks, Cape Breton County, Nova
Scotia.