



Allan Bishop
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Service No. 4275
World War I

Born: 22 Oct 1896

Place of Birth: Burnt Head, Newfoundland

Parents: James and Elizabeth Ann Bishop

Allan enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in late December 1917; he was twenty-one (21) at the time. According to his attestation papers, he provided the following information: he stood 5' 10", had blue eyes, was a teacher by occupation and Church of England by faith.

Allan would spend about a year and a half (1 ½) in service and see action in France and Belgium. Entries in his service record are:

1. 28 Mar 1918: Embarked St. John's via train for Halifax, Nova Scotia
2. 23 Nov 1918: Embarked for the BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
3. 23 Nov 1918: Disembarked France
4. 05 Jan 1919: Joined Battalion
5. 20 Apr 1919: Discharged to duty with bronchitis
6. 22 Apr 1919: with unit
7. 22 Mar 1919: Transferred from Rouen
8. 23 Apr 1919: Arrived Winchester, England and then on to Hazeley Downs Camp
9. 25 May 1919: To Newfoundland for demobilization
10. 01 Jun 1919: Arrived Newfoundland onboard the S.S. Corsican
11. 10 Jul 1919: Discharged.

During his 1 year 195 days of service, Allan was promoted several times:

20 Mar 1918 to Lance Corporal

03 Aug 1918 to Corporal

08 Nov 1918 to Acting Sergeant

However, on 26 Feb 1919 due to an issue where a prisoner in his charge escaped, he was reduced in rank.

Interestingly, there is a letter on file in his service record dated 29 Dec 1917, where his mother tried to have him released from service and returned home to her. It seems that Elizabeth was in her mid sixties at the time and couldn't bear the thought of losing her boy. Her husband had just died in a woods accident and her other son had died just previously to that. Her written request was not approved of course.

The 1921 Newfoundland census has only the entry of Elizabeth living in Coley's Point. She is 66. There is no record or mention of

Allan, but a letter dated November 1921 appears to have him in the community of Greenspond, Newfoundland.

Allan does appear in the 1935 general census. He is now living in St. John's West with his wife, Lillian and five (5) children, two boys and three girls.

The next census of 1945 has the Bishop family still in St. John's. Allan is now forty-nine (49), Lillian is fifty-three (53) and the children range in age from eleven (11) to twenty-two (22).

Lillian passed away in 1982 and Allan in 1991. They are buried in the Anglican Cemetery at St. John's.