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Benjamin Bradbury

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 2330425

World War I

Born: 31 January 1886

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Isaac and Naomi Bradbury

Benjamin was 31 years old and working in Nova Scotia as a carpenter when he enlisted in the 3rd Nova Scotia Regiment on 15 June 1917. Being a carpenter by occupation and the need for skilled wood workers at the time, Benjamin was posted to the Construction Forestry Depot.

His Attestation (enlistment) took place at New Glasgow, and he passed his medical at Aldershot N.S.

The enlistment documents provide firsthand information about Benjamin, such as his

physical features and other pertinent information about him personally.

Physically, he was not a big man, standing 5' 5 1/2" tall, with dark hair, grey eyes and of dark complexion. Benjamin was single and noted that his birth mother was deceased.

Benjamin's war service sees him serve in France, Belgium, and the UK. Excerpts from his official service record contain the following entries:

- 1) 15 Sep 1917 Arrived England aboard the S.S. Megantic
- 2) 20 Sep 1917 TOS (taken on strength) from Canada Canadian Forestry Corps Battalion
- 3) 15 Oct 1917 landed in France and posted to 31 Company CFC
- 4) 28 Oct 1917 at Le Havre
- 5) 23 Mar 1918 Granted 14 days leave to Paris
- 6) 30 Mar 1918 Rejoined unit from leave
- 7) 17 Aug 1918 Hospitalized with hernia
- 8) 14 Sep 1918 Rejoined unit from hospital
- 9) 14 Dec 1918 Granted 14 days leave to the UK
- 10) 04 Jan 1919 Rejoined unit
- 11) 01 Feb 1919 SOS (struck off strength) for demobilization. To CFC Construction Camp Le Havre
- 12) 29 Mar 1919 To Canada aboard the S.S. Caronia
- 13) 05 Apr 1919 Arrived Halifax
- 14) Discharged 05 Apr 1919

The 1921 Newfoundland census provides no record of Benjamin but does find his father, Samuel (67) and his stepmother Mary (64) living in Country Road, Bay Roberts.

Benjamin appears in the 1935 Newfoundland census living in Country Road, Bay Roberts. He is now 49 and has a wife, Fanny V (nee Fillier) 25. They have a son Samuel who is 1. Step mom, Mary, 78, is part of the household.

By the next census in 1945, the family unit is still intact but there's no mention of stepmother Mary, who has presumably passed away.

Benjamin died on 27 January 1973. He was 87 years old. Unfortunately, his final resting place could not be found at this time. If it is found, this biography will be updated.