



Bert Reid
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Regimental No. 3182632
World War I

Born: 23 September 1898

Place of Birth: Clarke's Beach, Newfoundland

Parents: Archibald and Susannah Reid

Bert was almost 21 when he enlisted to serve in WW I. He was working in Nova Scotia as a labourer at the time, although originally from Newfoundland. Since he enlisted late in the war, his service was just over a year, 14 months in fact from 14 May 1918 to 13 July 1919.

He signed his Attestation (enlistment) papers at Aldershot, N.S. in May 1918. Those documents are now part of his official service record and provide a glimpse of who this man was and how he looked.

Physically, Bert was 5' 7" tall, had a fair complexion with brown hair and hazel eyes. He was not married, was a Methodist, could read & write and worked as a labourer.

Entries in his service record read by date:

- 14 May 1918 enlisted in the 1st Depot Battalion of the Nova Scotia Regiment as

part of the 102nd draft. He was now part of the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force)

- 03 Jul 1918 transferred to the 6th CGR (Canadian Garrison Regiment) Halifax
- 07 Aug 1918 embarked overseas
- 116 Aug 1918 arrived and disembarked at Liverpool, England
- 22 Aug 1918 TOS on arrival from Canada and shown on command to Bourley Seg. Camp (Bramshot)
- To the 17th Reserve Battalion
- 11 Jan 1919 promoted to L/CPL (Lance Corporal)
- 28 Jun 1919 transferred to CEF and embarked back to Canada on board the HMT Mauritania for demobilization
- 13 Jul 1919 SOS (struck off strength) upon discharge

Following his release from service, Bert cannot be located in any official Newfoundland document nor in Nova Scotia either.

Seems he migrated to the United States, since he appears in the 1940 US Federal Census. He is living and working in an auto manufacturing plant as a trimmer in Detroit, Michigan. He is married to a lady Julia who was born in Belgium. They both have become naturalized Americans.

Bert died in April 1965 and Julia in 1973.

Unfortunately, no further information is currently available