

Bertram Batten
Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF)
Regimental No. 3032923
World War I

Born: 12 Sep 1896

Died: 12 Mar 1955

Place of Birth: "The Dock", Bareneed,

Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Jessie Louisa Batten

Born in Bareneed, Newfoundland, Bertram went to Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada onboard the SS Kyle arriving there on November 18th, 1915.

He enlisted in the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force) on the 11th of January 1918 at Toronto but gave his address (at the time) as living in Chelsea, Massachusetts.

According to his attestation/enlistment papers, Bertram was 5' 8" tall, 140 lbs with fair hair and blue eyes. He was single, a labourer and had a distinguishing scar on his right thumb which deformed the nail, a result of a childhood injury. He was 22 years 4 months old.

He had enlisted in the 1st Depot Battalion Central Ontario Regiment and would later be transferred to the 2nd CMR (2nd Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles)

Service Record:

- 1. 11-Jan-1918: Enlisted at Toronto, Canada
- 2. 25-Mar-1918: Embarked Canada on board the SS Missanbie



SS Missanbie

- 3. 03-Apr-1918: Arrived England (Liverpool)
- 4. 03-Apr-1918: TOS (taken on strength) from Canada
- 5. 22-Oct-1918: Landed in France and left to join unit
- 6. 24-Oct-1918: Arrived Unit
- 7. 26-Feb-1919: SOS (struck off strength) attached to 2nd CMR (2nd Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles)
- 8. 08-Feb-1919: Granted 8 days leave to the U.K.
- 9. 12-Feb-1919: Proceeded to England
- 10. 12-Mar-1919: Embarked Liverpool on PMS Baltic to Canada

11. 27 Mar-1919: Arrived in Canada and Demobilized (Discharged)

Following the war, Betram married Carrie Moulton in October 1927. Bertram was 30 and Carrie 26 at the time. Interestingly Carrie was also from Bareneed, Newfoundland. They made their home in York, Ontario at 539 Glenholme Street.



Bertram died in March 1955, while Jessie passed in October 1981. They are buried in Prospect Cemetery at Toronto, Canada.