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**George Frederick “Fred” Bussey
1st Depot Battalion Nova Scotia Regiment
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Regimental No. 3182781
World War I**

Born: 27 Dec 1897

Place of Birth: Clarke’s Beach,
Newfoundland

Parents: William and Patience Bussey

Although baptised George Frederick Bussey, George chose to go by the name “Fred”. Fred was living in Halifax, Nova Scotia and working on the docks as a stevedore when he was drafted under the 1917 Conscription Act but was in reality he was underage.

In May of 1918 and now of age, he reported to Aldershot, N.S, where he Attested (enlisted). From his attestation papers, vital personal information is learned. For example, Fred could not write, so a witness signed on his behalf, and he provided an “X”

as his mark of agreement. He stood 5’4” tall, had brown hair with blue eyes and of Anglican faith.

According to his service record, he saw action in both England and France, where he served with the 25th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

Several official excerpts from his service record are as follows:

1. 02 Aug 1918 Embarked Halifax
2. 16 Aug 1918 Disembarked
Liverpool, England
3. 24 Nov 1918 hospitalised with the
mumps
4. 08 Nov 1918 transferred to the 25th
Battalion
5. 12 Apr 1919 To England
6. 14 Apr 1919 TOS (taken on strength)
from the 25th Battalion
7. 10 May 1919 To Canada
8. 20 May 1919 discharged

Following release from service, Fred is found in the 1921 Newfoundland census back home with his parents in Hodge water (Port de Grave District). He is now married and him and Dora have a daughter, Mildred, who is one (1).

The Bussey family next appears in the 1935 census, but the family name is spelled incorrectly as Bursey not Bussey.” Fred now 39 and Dora 42 have a family of five (5) in all.

The 1945 census shows all is still the same as in 1935. Fred and Dora are living in Hodge water but now the family has grown to seven (7) children but the eldest child, Mildred, has died.

In 1962, Fred’s wife Dora passes away at age 69. She is buried in St. Andrews

Anglican Cemetery, South River
(Makinsons), Newfoundland. Fred passed in
March 1983 at age 85. He is buried in St.
Andrews Anglican Cemetery as well.