

## George Ralph

**Canadian Expeditionary Force**

**Regimental No. 3255686**

**1<sup>st</sup> Depot Battalion New Brunswick**

**Regiment**

**World War I**

**Born:** 15 November 1896

**Died:** 25 July 1981

**Place of Birth:** Clarke's Beach, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

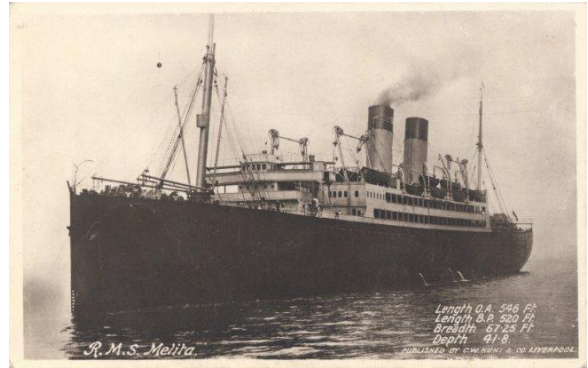
**Parents:** William and Emily (Snow) Ralph

George enlisted at St. John, New Brunswick on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1918. According to his enlistment paper, George gave his place of residence as Chelsea, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Single at the time, he stood 5' 9 ½ " tall, weighed 148 lbs, was of dark complexion with brown hair and blue eyes. He enlisted

for the duration of the war, gave his trade as carpenter, and was Methodist by faith.

George's official service record contains the following entries by date (dd-mm-yy):

1. 15 - 01 - 18: Enlisted
2. 04 - -03 -18: Embarked Halifax on the SS Melita



## SS Melita

3. Disembarked Liverpool
4. 06 - 03 -18: TOS (taken on strength) 13<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion on arrival from Canada
5. 13 - 03 - 18: Transferred to 18<sup>th</sup> Canadian Reserve Battalion
6. 26 - 06 -19: Embarked SS Northland



### Name

- 1901: SS *Zeeland*
- 1915: SS *Northland*
- 1920: SS *Zeeland*
- 1927: SS *Minnesota*

7. 06 – 07 – 19: Disembarked Canada
8. 10 – 07 – 19: Discharged

Just 22 upon discharged, George returned to Chelsea, Massachusetts, where he married Harriett Anne Bartlett the same year (1919).

Border crossing records show that George and Harriett arrived at the port of St. John, New Brunswick from the United States in March 1920.

1921 finds the couple living in York Township, Ontario. Harriett is older than George by three (3) years. They now have a child, Maude who is one (1).

The 1931 Canadian Census shows the Ralphs in Gaspé, York West, Ontario. They now have four (4) children: Maude 11, Harriett 9, George 7 and baby William 1.

1940 Canadian voters list has the couple still living in York, Ontario.

Harriett died in March 1981, while George followed just four months later in July. He was eighty-four (84) when he passed. They are buried in Prospect Cemetery, called the Cemetery on St. Clair, Toronto.