

George Sparks

Yukon Infantry Company

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 2004615

World War I

Born: 17 March 1874

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Reuben and Elizabeth Sparks

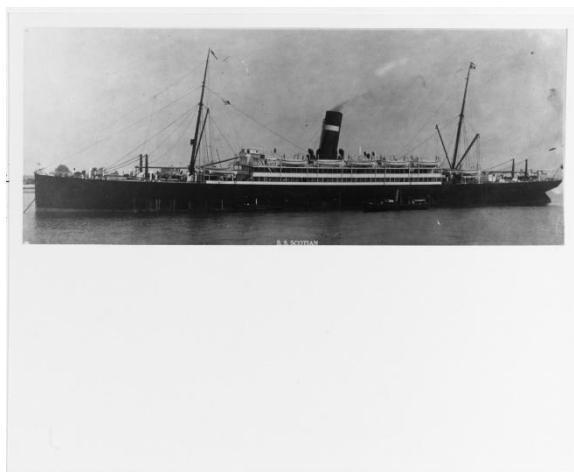
George was working as a miner in the small community of Forty mile, Yukon when he enlisted in the Yukon Infantry Company of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF).

George was not the typical enlistee being forty-two (42) when he signed up on the 9th of October 1916. His enlistment papers describe him as rather short at 5 ' 4 ½ " in height, weighing 145 lbs and having brown hair with blue eyes. He was not married. He gave his brother (Albert) as his next of kin

and gave his religious denomination as Methodist.

His service record has the following entries:

1. 09 – Oct - 1916: Enlisted and taken on strength of the Yukon Infantry Company
2. 24 – Jan – 1917: Embarked Halifax aboard the Troopship S.S. Canada
3. 06 – Feb – 1917: Arrived England
4. 09 – Feb – 1917: TOS (taken on strength) 7th Reserve Battalion of the CEF
5. 24 – Mar - 1917: SOS (struck off strength and posted to the 17th Machine Gun Company 5th Canadian Division
6. 27 – Apr - 1918: Embarked for France
7. 20 – Jul – 1918: SOS (struck off strength) to CMGCC (Canadian Machine Gun Company Corps
8. 10 – Sep – 1918: SOS to command battalion
9. 14 – Mar – 1919: To England
10. 06 – May – 1919: Embarked for Canada RMS Scotian (Liverpool)



RMS. Scotian

11. 04 – Jul – 1919: To Canada for
demobilization

12. 26 – Aug – 1919: Discharged

Following his discharge, George moved to Dawson City and eventually to Vancouver, where he died in March 1944 at the age of 69.

George is buried in the Mountain View Cemetery, Metro Vancouver, BC