



Herbert Hussey

The Canadian Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 45120

Word War I

Born: 07 Feb 1890 (91)

Place of Birth: Clarke's Beach,
Newfoundland

Parents: John and Julia Hussey

Herbert was twenty-three (23) when he enlisted in the 1st Division Engineers on 23rd September 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec.

According to his attestation (enlistment) papers, Herbert was single, a Methodist and a carpenter by trade. He stood 5' 7", was of fair complexion with dark hair and brown eyes. His medical noted several distinguishing features for future reference:

He had 2 gold upper teeth and a scar beneath his right ear. It is apparent that he could

write since he signed the enlistment papers himself.

Note: Herbert's service record, although lengthy, is quite difficult to read and decipher. What is clear is that he spent a fair amount of time in hospital and was eventually discharged as "medically unfit for service."

Of note also is that fact that he had a younger brother, Levi who served as a member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Regimental No. 3913.

Herbert served in the CEF for a period of four (4) years and two hundred twenty-six (226) days from 23 Sept 1914 to 01 April 1919 when he was discharged. The inserted page 45 from his service record provides a picture of a soldier who suffered "shell shock" (PTSD nowadays) and was never the same.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census finds Herbert (30) and Levi (22) at home in Clarke's Beach with parents, John and Julia Hussey.

The next general census in 1935 has Julia at 74 and now as widow. Herbert (44) is single and living at home with her in Clarke's Beach.

Julia passed away in January of 1943 at 81. Herbert who worked as a labourer most of his life passed away in 1958 and is buried in the United Church Cemetery at Clarke's Beach, Newfoundland.

NEUROLOGICAL REPORT.

History:-

About a year and a half ago this man noticed a profuse perspiration of the palms of his hands, which was constant. This occurred after he had been badly shaken up as the result of a shell explosion; Since then he has been mentally depressed, easily worried and at times has suffered from insomnia. He says he has felt weak and has no ambition. He has occasional periods of vertigo. He feels under tension in the presence of crowds.

Objective:-

Profuse perspiration of the palms of the hands was observed during examination. The hands are cyanotic. Fine tremor of the hands. The patellar reflexes are moderately exaggerated. The pupils are equal and respond normally to light and accommodation. There are no symptoms of organic nervous disease. Left facial paralysis in 1916. But he has no symptoms of this condition at the present time, which constitute a disability.

Subjective:- None other than described in History.

Diagnosis:- Neurasthenia, induced by service conditions 6 months probably duration.

Recommend discharge.

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