



**James Dawe**

**Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF)**

**Regimental No. 513087**

**World War I**

**Born:** 06 Jul 1894

**Died:** 24 Apr 1966

**Place of Birth:** Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, Conception Bay North, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Azariah and Eliza (nee Mercer) Dawe

James left Newfoundland for Toronto in August 1916 and enlisted in the CEF on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1916. According to his

attestation (enlistment) papers, James was working as a school teacher, living on Bartlett Avenue, Toronto at the time. He was 5' 6" tall, weighed 138 ¾ lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes.

He was assigned to the CASC or Canadian Army Service Corps at the 1<sup>st</sup> C.O.R.D (Central Ontario Regimental Depot. He would serve a total of two years, four months, and twenty-one days (2 years, 4 months & 21 days).

Part of his service record reads as follows:

- 1) 20 Dec 1916: Embarked Canada on board the SS Olympia.



**SS Olympia**

- 2) 28 Dec 1916: Disembarked England
- 3) 09 Jan 1917: TOS (Taken on strength) CASC-TD (Canadian Army Service Corps-Temporary Duty).
- 4) 17 Apr 1917: Transferred to CASC at Crowborough
- 5) 20 Apr 1917: Transferred to CASC Shorncliffe.

The main duties of the Canadian Army Service Corps (CASC) in France centered on the transport and supply of food, forage, ammunition, equipment, clothing and engineering material and stores. Corps personnel also repaired motor vehicles, and each division had an ambulance repair workshop. In England, the CASC were also responsible for feeding the troops

During World War I, the CASC provided a support element for each Canadian Division, and later on, for the Canadian Corps. With the introduction of motorized vehicles, the CASC carried commodities of a greater range and of greater weights. Motorized transportation also resulted in expanded responsibilities such as driving ambulances and engineer pontoon vehicles, carrying all natures of ammunition, and mobile repair and recovery. In recognition of the services rendered during the Great War, His Majesty King George V authorized the designator "Royal" in 1919.

James was discharged from service on 21 March 1920 in Toronto. In June of

that year, he married Myrtle Sarah Reid of Change Islands, Notre Dame Bay, Newfoundland at York, Ontario.

The 1931 Canadian Census lists the couple living on Silverthorne Avenue, Toronto. James is 37 and is working as a bookkeeper at the Liquor Control Board. Myrtle is 34 and there are seven (7) children: Audrey 10, Gordon 8, Majorie 7, James 6, Alfred 4, Winnifred 2, and Marion 7 months old.

James spent four (4) years as Principal of Business College in Northern Ontario before entering Trinity University to study for the Anglican Church ministry.

Following his ordination, James, Myrtle, and family would spend several years in the United States at Michigan.

They returned to Canada, where he had a very successful career as an Anglican minister. James passed on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1966, at Kingston, Ontario.

See the Bay Roberts Guardian Newspaper clipping below:

## Rev. Jas. Dawe Visits Old Home Town



Rev. James Dawe

Reverend James Dawe arrived here this week from Oxford Mills, Ont., Canada, and is the guest of Mr. James Norman and Capt. L. T. and Mrs. Stick, at Coley's Point. This is his first visit to the old home town in twenty-five years.

Reverend James Dawe, was born July 6th, 1894, at Coley's Point, the son of Azariah and the late Eliza (Mercer) Dawe. He was a pupil of Mr. James Norman, who was for many years Principal of the C. of E. School at Coley's Point, and is now retired.

Reverend Dawe taught school for four years on the south

coast, and left for Toronto, Can., in August, 1916. He served in the Canadian Army in England, Belgium and France from 1916 to 1919. He married Miss Myrtie Sarah Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Reid, Change Islands, N.D.B., in 1919. Spent four years as Principal of Business College in Northern Ontario, then studied for the ministry of the Anglican Church at Trinity University, Toronto, and has laboured in the Diocese of Ontario during his ministry. He has three sons and six daughters. One of his sons, Gordon, is serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

On his way to Newfoundland Reverend Dawe lectures in St. John, N. B., Moncton, N. B., Albert, N.B., Halifax, N. S., and Sydney and North Sydney, N. S., under the auspices of the British-Israel-World Federation, Toronto, Ont. He has also arranged to give lectures in St. John's on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. It is also expected that Rev. Dawe will arrange one or two lectures here at Bay Roberts.

Rev. Dawe will be the preacher tomorrow, Sunday, at St. Matthew's Church and also at Coley's Point and Shearstown. He will return to Canada on Monday, Feb. 17th.

We wish to extend a sincere welcome home to Rev. James Dawe. We are sure that his many friends will be glad to see him again.

*From Bay Roberts  
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