



James Russell

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Nova Scotia Regiment 1st Depot Battalion

Regimental No. 4052656

World War I

Born: 01 August 1879 (??)

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Unknown.

James was drafted but according to his record did not register because he was overage. He was thirty-nine (39) with the birthdate he supplied for his Attestation (enlistment) papers. This in fact may or may not have been his actual date of birth, as there is not official record found for James with the date provided.

James enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Halifax, Nova Scotia on the 6th of May 1918. He is described as

being 5 feet 8 inches tall, 150 lbs and having brown hair with blue eyes. He gave his trade as labourer, Anglican as his faith and his next of kin Albert, his brother who was living in Bay Roberts. He was not able to read or write as, according to the recruiting depot, the recruiting officer made the notation that the declaration of recruit was read over and explained to him. He then provided his mark, an "X".

His medical noted his age and the fact that he had epilepsy. He was designated category "E" as a result.

On 10 – 04 – 1918 having been placed in category "E" James was granted CL of A (conditional leave of absence) without pay and allowances and struck off strength on return to R of R.

There is no other information in James' record that what has been noted above. It would appear that he was simply let go on Exemption.

No additional information about this man could be found/verified.