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John Barrett

World War I

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 406

Born: 14 April 1892

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: John and Baggs

Although born in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, John enlisted in Toronto Armouries on 14 April 1915. He was 20 at the time and gave his occupation as fisherman. He was not married, stood 5 ft 7 inches tall, had dark brown hair with brown eye. His signature indicates that he could write, and he gave his faith as Church of England.

John enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force, given Regimental #406

and assigned to the C.O.R.C.C Unit (Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps)

John's service record is quite detailed and has multiple entries, some of which are illegible but noted below are the entries by date.

1. 14 Apr 1915: Enlisted at Toronto
2. 14 Jun 1915: Embarked for England from Canada
3. 25 Jun 1915: Arrived England and proceeded to Longmoor Camp
4. 25 Aug 1915: Embarked overseas to France from Southampton
5. 05 Oct 1915: Proceeded to England from Belgium
6. 01 Nov 1915: Proceeded overseas from Southampton
7. 26 Nov 1916: ranted leave to 30 Nov 1916
8. 03 Dec 1916: Rejoined unit in the field
9. 30 Jun 1917: Awarded Good Conduct Badge
10. 26 Jan 1919: Transferred to England and posted to CRTD (Canadian Reserve Training Depot) at Witley for demobilization
11. 19 Feb 1919 SOS (struck off strength) and attached to Kinmel Park for return to Canada
12. 22 Mar 1919: Sailed to Halifax aboard the S.S. Cretic

John was officially discharged on 26 Mar 1919. He had served almost 4 years and had seen action in France and Belgium.

Back in civilian life, John is found in the 1935 Newfoundland census living in St. John's married to Gladys and they have

three (3) children, all boys, Howard, Leonard and Bernard.

The 1945 census entries show the Barrett family as it was in 1935, no change.

John's wife Gladys passed away in 1958 and John followed just several years later in 1965. They are buried in the General Protestant Cemetery located on Waterford Bridge Road in St. John's.