



John Charles Bishop
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
World War I
Regimental No. 5402

Born: 10 January 1897

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Bay Roberts

Parents: Richard and Mary Ann Bishop

John was 20 years old when he enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at the St. John's Depot on 24 May 1918. Official documents paint a picture of John as being 5 ft. 4 inches tall, weighing 129 lbs, with dark brown hair and blue eyes. He is a fisherman and gives his faith as Salvation Army.

Although single at his enlistment time, he married Ethel (Snow) Bishop just a month later on 6 July 1918.

John's service record is noted below by date:

1. 27 July 1918. Embarked St. John's for Halifax aboard the S.S. Columbella.

2. 23 Nov 1918. Embarked for the British Expeditionary Force (BEF).
3. 25 Nov 1918. Disembarked England
4. 05 Jan 1919. Joined BEF Battalion
5. 21 Apr 1919. Transferred to Rouen Camp, France
6. 22 Apr 1918. Left Rouen Camp for Havre. Embarked Havre and disembarked Southampton and reached Hazeley Camp, England.
7. 23 Apr 1918. Arrived Winchester, England
8. 22 May 1919. To Newfoundland for demobilization.
9. 1 Jun 1919 Arrived Newfoundland
10. 5 July 1919 Demobilized

John had spent a little more than a year in active service and now returned home to resume his former life as a fisherman.

1921 finds, John and Ethel are living in Bay Roberts with his parents, Richard and Mary.

The 1935 Newfoundland Census shows John and Ethel still living in Bay Roberts and their family has grown to include 3 boys, William 13, Richard 9 and George 6.

The next official census in 1945 shows that all is as it was in 1935. John, Ethel and three sons, now 28, 18 and 16 respectively.

Ethel passed away in 1968 at age 71, followed in 1977 by John. They are buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery at Coley's Point, Bay Roberts.