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John Edward Babcock
Canadian Expeditionary Force
World War I
Regimental No. 3182433

Born: 05 Nov 1896

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts

Parents: Unknown

John's parents are unknown and it may be because, when researched, the only notation for John who we find in Massachusetts in 1940 is that he was an "American born abroad."

John enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) on 10 May 1918, he was almost 21 at the time and it appears he was a draft call up. John's enlistment (or attestation) documents describe him as being rather short at 5 ft 4 inches, 140 lbs, having brown hair and eyes and being of ruddy complexion. He is a labourer, single, Roman Catholic by faith. He enlisted at Sydney,

C.B. and taken on strength at Halifax, N.S. He lists he sister, Miss Alice Babcock of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland as his next of kin.

John's official service record reads as follows:

1. 10 May 1918, enlisted in the CEF and assigned to the 1st Battalion Nova Scotia Regiment.
2. Stationed at Aldershot, N.S.
3. 19 Jul 1918, Admitted to camp hospital with "tonsillitis." Discharged 25 July 1918.
4. 02 Aug 1918 embarked Halifax
5. 16 Aug 1918 disembarked Liverpool, England
6. 22 Aug 1918 taken on strength (TOS) from Canada and shown on command at Bourley
7. 01 Jun 1919 TOS from the 17th Reserves to NSRD at Witley.
8. 13 Jun 1919 TOS from N. Wing ccc
9. 14 Jun 1919 struck off strength (SOS) to P. Wing ccc
10. 16 Aug 1919 SOS P. Wing ccc to Canada (Nova Scotia Regiment).
11. 31 Aug 1919 discharged at Halifax

John saw service in Canada, and England. His length of service was one year and four months in total.

No official record of John can be located in the Newfoundland census of 1921, 1925 or 1945. He does not appear in any other government documentation either.

A search of the 1940 US census provides the information that John has been living and working in Quincy, Norfolk Massachusetts for a number of years. He is working in the shipyards as a crane operator

He is married to Margaret (Hearn) Babcock of Newfoundland, and they have 4 sons, Raymond 15 whose status is termed 'Alien', Ronald 12, John J. 9 and Robert 6, all three American citizens.

John passed away in 1967, followed in 1973 by wife Margaret. They are buried in the Blue Hill Cemetery, at Braintree, Norfolk, Massachusetts.