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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 were unable to be found after extensive research.

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 was a labourer, single, and Roman Catholic by faith. He enlisted at Sydney, C.B. and taken on strength of the 1st

Battalion Nova Scotia Regiment at Halifax. He lists his 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 (casualty clearing centre)
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 and served a total of one year and four months.

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.

Extensive research to locate John turned up the information that he died on September 18th, 1964 and is buried in Our Lady of Grace Cemetery, Longhorne, Buck County, Pennsylvania, USA.

Interestingly, his name appears at the bottom of a headstone engraved as the “Woodford” family stone, as per the gravesite picture. A possible explanation for this may be that Elizabeth was his sister and not having been married, he is buried in their cemetery plot but that is simply a best guess scenario at this point, without positive confirmation.