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John Edward Baggs
World War I
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Regimental No. 2014552

Born: 28 Jan 1893

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Henry and Fannie Baggs

John enlisted on 27 Aug 1918 at Boston, Massachusetts, giving an address of 689 Broadway, Everett, Massachusetts. On his attestation paper, he is described as standing 5 ft 6 inches, 140 lbs, single, of medium complexion with brown hair and blue eyes. He is 24 years old, a carpenter by trade and a Presbyterian by faith.

He passed his medical and is declared fit for service, even though there is a notation indicating that John has had the 1st, 3rd and little finger amputated from his left hand.

John has enlisted as a part of the CEF and is assigned to the Canadian Engineers, designated as a sapper. (Note: A sapper is a soldier responsible for tasks such as building and repairing roads and bridges, laying and clearing mines, etc.)

He would spend a year and a half with the Engineers being discharged in March 1920 in Toronto.

His service record reads as follows:

1. TOS (taken on strength) 27 Aug 1918
2. 27 Aug 1918 to 31 Oct 1918, hospitalized at St. John's, (St. Jean) P.Q. for 35 days with influenza
3. 23 Dec 1918 to 20 Jan 1919, hospitalized again for 28 days
4. 30 Jul 1919 to 18 Aug 1919, hospitalized again at Kapuskasing with a dislocated humerus (caused by jumping from a train in motion)
5. 20 Sep 1919, "On command to Director of Internment Operation while doing duty at Kapuskasing camp."
6. 20 Sep 1919, TOS, "On transfer from CGR (Canadian Garrison Regiment) posted to CAS Co.
7. 01 Apr 1920, returned from on Command to Director Internment Operations and posted CAS Co.
8. 03 Apr 1920, discharged on demobilization and entitled to WSG (War Service Gratuity).



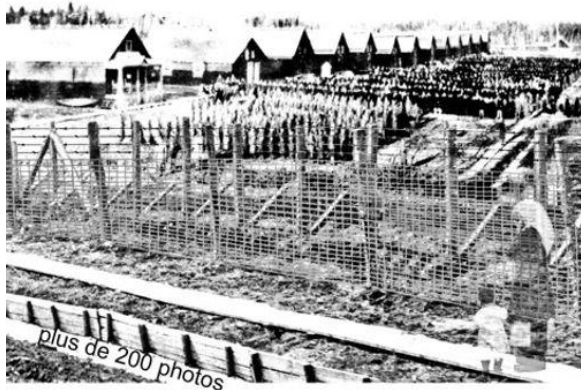
In essence, John spent his service in Canada assigned to the internment camp at Kapuskasing, Ontario.

Following his discharge, he returned to Massachusetts, where he is found in the 1940 US Federal census, living in Medford, Middlesex, Massachusetts. He is married to a lady, Della May (nee; Lewis). They are both from Newfoundland and have become naturalized American citizens. There are no children listed, although the Baggs do have a daughter named Elaine.

John passed away in 1958 at the age of 65. He is buried in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, in Peabody, Essex County, Mass. Della, his wife, passed in 1992 at age 83. She is buried with her husband.

Héritage par défaut 1914-1920

Dominique Villeneuve



Kapusking, le 2 septembre 1915
256 militaires, 1200 prisonniers