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John “Jack” Frost
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Service No. 687629
World War I

Born: 14 Dec 1876

Died: 31 Dec 1922 (age 46)

Place of Birth: North River, Conception Bay,
Newfoundland

Parents: Samuel and Rebecca (nee Summers)
Frost.

The 1901 Canadian Census shows John working as a domestic in British Columbia. He is 25 and single.

John enlisted in the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force) at Kelowna, British Columbia, on the 11th of December 1915. Information from his enlistment papers show him to be 5' 8 1/2" tall, weighed 145 lbs, was of dark complexion with hazel eyes and dark brown hair. He is 39 years old, married with a family and working as a rancher.

John married Ada Smith on March 12th, 1904, at Vernon, British Columbia. Ada was born in Lincolnshire, England in 1886.

His service record as part of the 172nd Infantry Battalion of the CEF reads as follows:

1. 24 – Oct – 1916: Embarked Canada
2. 31 – Oct – 1916: Arrived England
3. Transferred to the 11th. CUR
4. 07 – Jan – 1917: Transferred to 24th Reserves
5. 03 – Apr – 1917: Proceeded overseas from England for duty with the 7th. Battalion
6. 04 – Apr – 1917: Arrived France
7. 09 – Apr – 1917: joined unit in the field.
8. 09 – Oct – 1917: Sick with diphtheria and evacuated for hospitalization
9. 10 – Nov – 1917: Rejoined unit
10. 15 – Dec – 1917: Granted 14 days leave
11. 05 – Jan – 1918: Rejoined unit
12. 16 – Mar – 1918: Granted Good Conduct Badge.
13. 24 – Apr – 1918: TOS (taken on strength) Canadian lab pool
14. 02 – May – 1918: SOS (struck off strength) to 2nd Infantry Battalion
15. 18 – Feb – 1919: To MD 11 Seq Camp
16. 25 – Feb – 1919: To Canada
17. 04 – Apr – 1919: Discharged

On page 2 is the first page of his Attestation Papers giving his personal information at the time of enlistment.

John died in December 1922 and is buried in Hazelwood Cemetery at Abbotsford, Fraser Valley, British Columbia.

172ND BATT. C.E.F.

ORIGINAL

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No.

687629

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Frost*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *John Victoria B.C.*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Newfoundland North river Conception Bay*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Admiral Frost Victoria B.C.*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Wife*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *1876 14th December*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Wife (the children)*
5. What is the date of your birth? *Yes*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *No*
7. Are you married? *Yes*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *Yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *Yes*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *Yes*
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *John Frost*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *11th December* 1915 *J. Frost* (Signature of Recruit)

H. J. H. H. H. (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *John Frost*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date *11th December* 1915 *J. Frost* (Signature of Recruit)

H. J. H. H. H. (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *St. John's* this *11th* day of *December* 1915

H. J. H. H. H. (Signature of Justice)