



John Gardiner Spracklin

Canadian Expeditionary Force

106th Battalion

Regimental No. 715704

World War I

Born: 13 October 1897

Place of Birth: Clarke's Beach, Newfoundland

Parents: Henry and Elizabeth Spracklin

John was 18 years old when he enlisted in the 106th Overseas Battalion at Truro, Nova Scotia on January 8th, 1916.

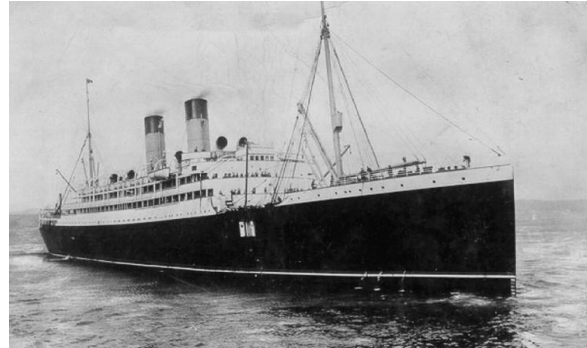
He was living at Glace Bay, Cape Breton where his family had moved from Clarke's Beach Newfoundland. The 1911 Canadian Census contains entries showing that the family consisted of parents (Henry and Elizabeth) and five (5) children all born in Nova Scotia with the exception of John who was then 12 years old. Elsie being 8, places the family in Nova Scotia as early as 1903.

John's attestation papers describe him as a coal miner (like his father), 5' 5" tall, 155 lbs with dark brown hair and grey eyes. He has a distinguishing mark of an inch and a half long on his left buttock. He is not married and a Methodist by faith. John has

had two (2) months previous military experience having served in the 94th Regiment.

John's Service Record has the following entries:

1. 08 – Jan – 1916: Enlisted at Truro at 12:00 pm
2. 05 – Jul – 1916: Sailed from the port of Halifax on the SS Empresses of Britian



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3. 25 – Jul – 1916: Arrived England at Liverpool
4. 28 – Jan – 1916: Landed France
5. 12 - Oct - 1916: TOS (taken on strength) 26th Canadian Infantry Battalion from the 106th Battalion
6. 27 – Nov – 1916: Admitted to #5 Field Ambulance with GSW (gunshot wound) to left foot. Then to #32 CCS (casualty clearing station) special hospital
7. 08 – Jan – 1917: To duty
8. 11 – Jan – 1917: Reported KIA (killed in action) by trench mortar.

John is buried/memorialized at the Tranchee de Mecknes Cemetery, Aix-Noulette at Pas de Calais, France.