



Joseph Beecham
World War I
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 4629

Born:

Place of Birth: Bareneed

Parents: Nathaniel and Elizabeth Beecham

Joseph enlisted at St. John's on April 23rd, 1918; he was 18 years 8 months old at the time. He gave his trade or calling as fisherman and Anglican as his faith.

His service in the Regiment lasted a total of 256 days from enlistment to discharge (23 April 1918 to 3 January 1919). Joseph's service record reads as follows:

1. Enlisted 23 April 1918
2. Special duty, home defense Cape Ray 16 July 1918
3. Returned to HQ St. John's 10 November 1918
4. Discharge Certificate No. 63 dated discharge 3 January 1919.

Before being officially discharged all returning personnel who served were interviewed by the "Civil Re-establishment Committee" as a means to help find employment for them. Most had a rough idea of what they would like to do or return to doing, Joseph was very specific in his response. He wished to be a machinist on Bell Isle.

Joseph disappears following the war and is untraceable through official documentation avenues researched.

The 1921, 1935 and 1945 all find Joseph's parents Nathaniel and Elizabeth alive and well but no mention of Joseph.

No additional information about Joseph has been found after extensive research. His biography will be updated as additional information becomes available.