



Joseph Butler

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 3182553

World War I

Born: 06 Jan 1899

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Michael and Agnes (?) Butler

Joseph was just 18 when he enlisted in the 1st Depot Battalion Nova Scotia Regiment. Although a Newfoundlander, he was living in Nova Scotia at the time. He completed his Attestation (enlistment) papers and passed the mandatory medical at Camp Aldershot. It is from these records that the following description of Joseph is taken. Joseph stood 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 115 lbs, had brown hair with blue eyes and was single. He gave his trade as carpenter and his faith as Roman Catholic.

Service Record:

Joseph's service record contains the following hand written entries:

1. 02 Aug 1918: Embarked Halifax
2. 22 Aug 1918: TOS (taken on strength) from Canada and shown on CMD to camp Bourley.
3. Transferred to 17th Reserve Battalion
4. 30 Sep 1918: Reported off strength
5. 28 Jun 1919: Transported to Canada
6. 13 Jul 1919: Discharged

After leaving service at the end of the war, no record of Joseph has been found after extensive research. The 1921 Newfoundland general census for Shearstown, shows his father, Michael, at fifty (50) now a widower and his brother Chesley (20) and sister Elizabeth (17) both living at home with their dad but there is no mention of Joseph.

It is possible that Joseph returned to Nova Scotia, since he was living there before he enlisted but this cannot be confirmed. This file will be updated when more information becomes available.