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Lot Thomas Earle
4th Overseas Pioneer Battalion of
The Canadian Expeditionary Force
Service No. 228020
World War I

Born: 19 September 1871

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Jacob and Elizabeth Earle

Lot was forty-four (44) years old and a married man with a family when he enlisted as a member of the 4th Overseas Pioneer Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on February 21, 1916.

He was certainly past the average age of recruits and in fact had a son (Walter) who was 21.

Lot's enlistment papers describe him as having grey hair with blue eyes. He stood 5 feet 4 ½ inches tall, had a scar on his left

wrist and was a Methodist by religion. Despite being "overage," he was declared medically fit for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force by the medical officer at the Toronto Recruiting Depot.

Lot would go on to serve in England and France but would have his service cut short in March 1918, when he would be discharged as "medically unfit."

Excerpts taken from his service record read as follows:

1. 12 – 09 – 1916: Embarked Canada at Halifax
2. 22 – 09 – 16: Disembarked England at Liverpool
3. 29 – 09 – 16: Appointed acting sergeant
4. 02 – 12 – 16: Transferred to CPTD (Canadian Pioneer Training Depot)
5. 21 – 01 – 1917: Reverted to rank at own request
6. 21 – 01 – 17: Transferred to 3rd Labor Battalion
7. 09 – 02 – 17: Proceeded overseas with Battalion
8. 11 – 02 – 17: Disembarked at Havre (France)
9. 21 – 03 – 17: TOS (taken on strength) 25th Reserve Battalion
10. 03 – 08 - 17: Acquired various illnesses including gastralgia, bronchitis, severe indigestion, and myalgia. It was found that he reacted badly to army rations and simply was debilitated as a result. He was examined and it was determined that he was unfit for further service in France
11. 05 – 10 – 17: Posted to Regimental Depot, arrived England

12. 09 – 02 -18: District Depot duty at
Toronto

13. 01 – 03 – 18: Discharged as being
medically unfit

Lot passed away in September 1937. He is
buried in the Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.
He was 67.