



**Sebastian Parsons**

**Canadian Engineers**

**Canadian Expeditionary Force**

**World War I**

**Regimental No. 2012111**

**Born:** 26 March 1898

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Samuel and Fannie Parsons

Sebastian enlisted in the war effort late in September 1918. At the time, he was living and working in Toronto. The picture of Sebastian provided in his enlistment documents is as follows:

- He was 21 years old
- Single
- 5' 7 ¾ "
- Had brown hair and blue eyes
- Weighed 154 lbs
- Had a tattoo on his left forearm

- A bridgebuilder by trade
- Enlisted on 09 Sep 1918

Sebastian's military service would last just one year, all of which he spent in Canada. He did not go overseas.

Assigned the rank of sapper in the Canadian Engineers, Sebastian's service record contains these entries:

1. Transferred to station at Ottawa: 19 – 09 – 1918
2. To No. 6 Signal Co. CEF Siberia, Ottawa: 13 – 2 – 1918
3. Transferred to D2 (District 2 ) for demobilization: 03 – 01 – 1919
4. TOS (taken on strength) No. 2 DD (District Depot) 28 – 02 – 1919
5. Discharged SOS (struck off strength) No. 2 DD: 24 – 03 – 1919

Once out of the service, Sebastian returned home to Newfoundland and appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census living at home in Coley's Point with his parents and sister Ellen.

Sebastian (37) shows up in the next census round of 1935, still in Coley's Point. He is now married to a lady named Leah (38). His mother Fannie (80), now a widow, having lost her husband in 1926, is living with them.

By 1945, it's just Sebastian (47) and Leah (48) and they are still in Coley's Point.

Sebastian died in 1957 at the age of 59 and is buried in the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Cemetery in Coley's Point, NL.