

William Rufus Caravan
6th Field Company Canadian Engineers
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Service No. 2008385
World War I

Born: 15 February 1890

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: John (Carraway) and Mary (Hennessey) Caravan

William enlisted in the Canadian Engineers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) at Prince Rupert, British Columbia on 28 December 1917.

His enlistment papers provide the following information about William in Dec 1917.

1. He was almost 28 years old
2. He was single
3. A carpenter by trade

4. Physically he stood 5 feet 6 inches, had light brown hair with blue eyes
5. A Methodist
6. Gave his address upon enlistment as the Balmoral Hotel, Vancouver

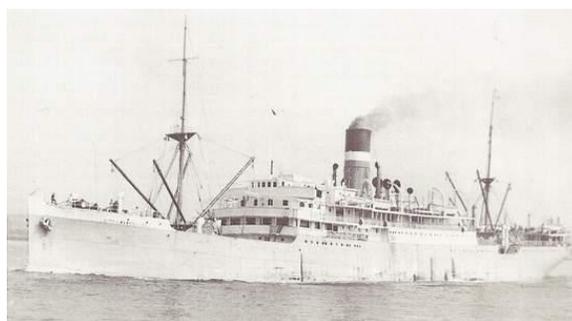
William would be attached to the 6th Field Company of the Canadian Engineers and given the rank of sapper. He would see action in France and return home to be discharged on 5th July 1919.

His service record notes:

- Five (5) months, CE (Canadian Engineers in Canada)
- Two (2) months 2nd CERB (Canadian Engineers Reserve Battalion) in England
- Nine (9) months CERD (Canadian Engineers Reserve Depot) and PB COY CE (Canadian Engineers), in France

William's official service record entries by date are:

1. 15/03/18: Embarked Canada aboard the SS City of Marseilles



S.S. City of Marseilles Steamship

2. 05/06/18: Disembarked England and TOS (taken on strength) on arrival from Canada
3. 08/07/18: Appointed acting Lance Corporal (L/Cpl)

4. 14/08/18: Reverted to sapper at his request
5. 19/08/18: SOS (struck off strength) 2nd CERB to Canadian Engineers Pool, France
6. 19/08/18: Arrived France
7. 25/09/18: To CCRC (Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp)
8. 13/02/19: SOS
9. 22/05/19: Proceed to England for demobilization
10. 02/07/19: SOS to Canada
11. 04/07/19: To Canada aboard the S.S Baltic
12. 05/07/19 Discharged

Following his discharge, William is difficult to find in official documents.

He was married to Doris Rebecca (Sutton) sometime in the late 1920's. Doris was born in Manchester, Lancashire, England in 1905. They would have one child, a boy named William born in 1931.

William died in April 1974, while Doris passed away in 1989.