

Soldier Profile

By Chelsey Pelow & Hodan Bahdon



Lieut. Young, of No. 2 Construction Battalion, will arrived here on Friday and will remain a week. He will have recruiting offices at 606 View street, the quarters of the Engineer company.

No. 2 Construction Battalion has been authorized as a result of the large number of applications received at Ottawa from colored men in all parts of Canada, and Lieut.-Col. D. H. Sutherland, of Truro, N. S., is officer commanding.

The battalion is authorized to recruit over the entire Dominion, and although the recruiting has only just started, large numbers have already enlisted, and it will only be a short while before the battalion is up to strength. Engineer and construction work is most important work, and the call is urgent for more men.

The No. 1 Construction Battalion is already overseas, and No. 2 Battalion will leave directly it is up to strength.

Recruits are sent once a week to Toronto. Uniforms, boots and clothing are provided free of charge; rates of pay \$1.10 per day up, everything found.

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Soldier Background

- ❑ Surname: Waith
- ❑ Christian Name: Evans

Where was he born?

- ❑ Town: Sherbourne
- ❑ Province: St. John
- ❑ Country: Barbados, British West Indies

Date of birth

- ❑ October 1895

Marital Status

- ❑ Single

Religion

- ❑ Church of England

ORIGINAL 931346

ATTESTATION PAPER. No. _____ Folio. _____

No. 2 EMPLOYED BY THE CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION. (ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? Waith
- 1a. What are your Christian names? Evans
- 1b. What is your present address? Sherbourne St John B'dos B.W.I.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? St John B'dos B.W.I.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs Rebecca Waith
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Sherbourne St John B'dos B.W.I.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Mother
4. What is the date of your birth? Labour Oct. 1895
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Labourer
7. Are you married? Single
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Evans Waith, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date 9/16/16 1916. Evans Waith (Signature of Recruit)
Matthew Edwards (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Evans Waith, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date 9/16/16 1916. Evans Waith (Signature of Recruit)
Matthew Edwards (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

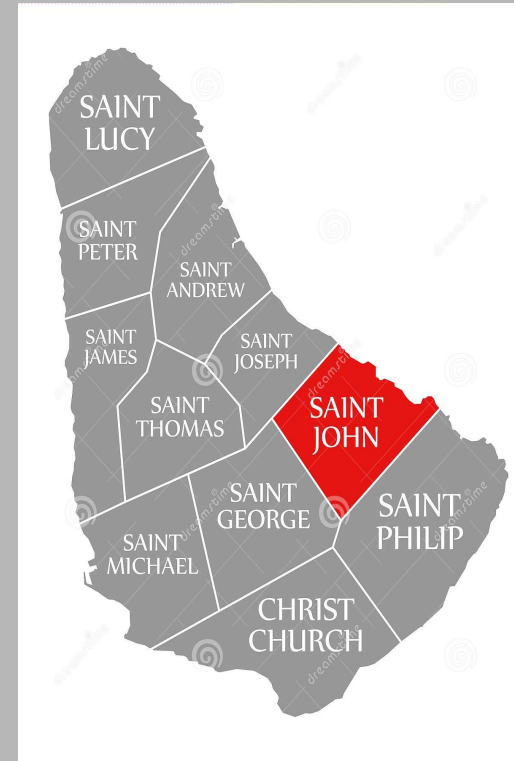
The Recruit above named was questioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Truro B.S this 9/16 day of November 1916.

A. J. Buchanan (Signature of Justice)

No. 2, W. 23.
8001-1-16.
H. C. 17748-91.



Medical Examination Report

MD 6 ORIGINAL 931346
MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET.

Surname *Waith* Christian Name *Evans Adolphus*

Examined on *8* day of *Nov* 191*6*
at *Sydney*
City or Town *St John*
Birthplace *Barbadoes*
County *St*

Approved by *H.V. Hunt*
Rank *Major R.C.*

Apparent age *21*
Trades or occupation *Laborer*
Height *5* Feet *5 1/2* Inches
Weight *150* Lbs
Chest measurement { Minimum *33* inches
Maximum expansion *33* inches
Physical development *Good*
Small-Pox Marks *None*
Vaccination Marks (Arm *None*)
(Number *2*)
When Vaccinated last *7 years ago* *1917* *1918* *San Murray*
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease *None*
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection *None*
slight marks in Scurvy

EXAMINED FOR REENLISTMENT.	
Date.	Result.
	M.O.
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Enlisted on *8* day of *July* 191*6* at *Leuro*

Joined on enlistment *Mr. Construction* *1916/346*
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Transferred to

EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD.			
STATION.	DATE.	DISEASE.	RESULT.

N. B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Service, on the man becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated on next page.

M. P. R. 313.
FORM—114.
H. Q. 3775-59-428.

- 21 years old
- 5 feet 5 1/2 inches
- Eye Colour: Brown**
- Hair Colour: Black**
- Vision: 6/6**
- Physical Development: Good**
- Approved for Service? Yes**

Enlistment

- ❑ Date of Enlistment : Nov. 9th 1916
- ❑ Battalion: No. 2 Construction
- ❑ Corps: Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF)
- ❑ Rank: Private
- ❑ Job: Labourer
- ❑ Where did soldier serve: France
- ❑ Rate of Pay: \$15 a month

Discharge

- ❑ Date of Discharge: July 10th 1919
- ❑ Battalion at time: No. 2 Construction
- ❑ Rank: Private
- ❑ Discharge Category: Demobilisation
- ❑ Address post-war: Bridgetown Barbados
- ❑ Difficult to find information post-war as he went back to Barbados

No 2. Construction Battalion



Interesting Finds

Fill in Only.--Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

Curry

Casualty Form Active Service.

M. F. W. 54. (A. F. B. 103.)
250M.-1-10.
H. Q. 1772-30-93.

Unit, Regiment or Corps No. 2 CONSTRUCTION, B'n. C.E.F.

Regimental No. 931346 Rank pte Name Frank Waite
 Enlisted (a) 9-14-16 Terms of Service (a) Period of war from 1914 to 1918 Service reckons from (a) 9-14-16
 Date of promotion to present rank. } Date of appointment to lance rank. } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os. }
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

CORRECTED
 MAY 16 JUN 1917
 CAN. RECORDS, LONDON

From whom received	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents.
Imported, Canada	Halifax N.S.	24/3/17	
Disembarked, England	Liverpool	7/4/17	
Proceeded overseas	Seaford		CH 2. 20th Kaye Capt for Capt + Capt
Landed in France	17-5-17 N.R.		
Forfeits 5 days pay for M: king away with Iron Rations		21.5.17	B2069 Part 5/20 26/7/17
Printed 14 days leave to UK		17.2.18	B203 B29513 d/18/2/18
Rejoined from Leave		5/3/18	B213
Adm. Mumps		23.4.18	E 7607. W. 9132
Adm. to Hosp.		23.4.18	B 213

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. [P.T.O.]

D M S. 1300 SOM-21-1 17
 SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES REG. NO.

WAITE E. 950
 931346
 RANK UNIT Co. TROOP BATTY.
 Pte. NS.200n. Depot.
 HOS: ITAL DATE OF ADMISSION

C.F.C. La Joux Jura. 23-4-18.

1. 11. Cam. Genral. Sharncliffe HOSP. 22.3.19
2. HOSP.
3. HOSP.
4. HOSP.

DIAGNOSIS Mumps. B.

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DISPOSITION

CI. 2.5.18 A208-2.
 3. 6. 18 C2290
 27. 8. 19 8474
 8. 5. 19 6506

DATE
 25.5.18.
 REMARKS
 Dis 6.5.19

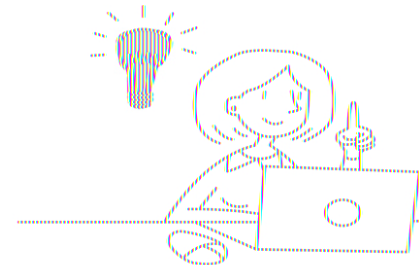
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 Off. of D.G.M 8. O.M.F.C. London.

Challenges

- ❑ The quality of the primary source document
- ❑ Soldier's Location
- ❑ Double checking our soldier's surname

Recommendations

- ❑ Give yourself time
- ❑ Encourage students to utilize more resources
- ❑ Future project idea



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