

Soldier Profile for PTN
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Our Soldier

First Name: Evans

Surname: Waith

Regimental Number: 931346

Group Discussion About Evans Waith

The soldier we chose to study further for our project is Evans Waith. To conduct our research we went through a 52-page document about our soldier. He was born on October 1895 in Sherbourne, Barbados. His full date of birth wasn't available. Waith's documentation only presented the month and year, didn't include the day of his d.o.b. Waith was a single young man working as a labourer, when he was enlisted to serve on November 19th, 1916. His corps was the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) and was a part of battalion No. 2 Construction. Waith was a private and served in France. It was quite difficult to find out the exact location of where he served. The pages that were specific to the location of his serving base weren't legible. The form was filled out in script handwriting that had faded and smudged ink over it. Due to the form being illegible we couldn't make out any more information on where he served. The soldier was discharged from the force as a result of demobilization on July 10th, 1919. Evans Waith served for approx. 3 years then returned to his home in Barbados.

Recommendations for OCDSB

Going through multiple pages of a document that hasn't been reviewed or revised can be a tedious task. The advice we would give to those looking to research primary evidence in the future would be to give yourself time. It was important to do so in this instance since it was difficult to read due to cursive writing and the smudges of ink on the document. We believe it's

important for the OCDSB to encourage students to utilize more sources. It provides a wider range of knowledge to review and find the information you're searching for. Another recommendation we'd like to share is to ensure your soldier isn't documented under more than one surname. Researching your soldier through all possible names can increase your chances of discovering more about them. To conclude our Soldier Profile report we'd like to propose a future project idea to OCDSB. The project would consist of two groups of students, one researching soldiers in WWI and the other group would focus on soldiers from WWII. The purpose of the project would be to compare the treatment and experience of soldiers between both wars. Also, the students could provide a thorough analysis of any progress in the number of records available throughout time.