



Joseph Stone
Regiment #: 931756

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Quick Summary

Private Joseph Stone



On August 22nd, 1883 in Dyersburg, Tennessee, Joseph Stone was born. Throughout his life he was an active and practising member of the Methodist Church. Stone was orphaned and single, when he decided to join the military. On January 1st, 1917 in the city of Windsor, Stone enlisted in the army in the Number 2 Battalion. He was given the title of Private and his occupation was listed as laborer. At the ripe age of 29, he was deemed medically fit to join the military. Private Stone was 133 pounds and was 5 feet and 8 inches tall with brown eyes, black hair, and a dark complexion. Furthermore, his medical report determined that he had decent chest capacity with a chest expansion of 3.2inches in circumference. Identifying features of Private Stone included he had a mole over his right hypochondrium and a scar on his left knee which was a result from a childhood injury. Upon intake, it is important to establish identifying features of soldiers. This is because it allows easy identification in the event of casualties. Throughout his service, Private Stone did get admitted to the hospital. On June 2nd, 1918, he was admitted to Manor War Hospital Epsom and remained there for 9 days. He was given a diagnosis of a complication with the structure of his urethra.

Primary/Secondary Archival Sources Used

Databases: Library
Archives of Canada,
Provided PDF with soldier
information, and Canadian
Great War Project Beta
(CGWP)

The life of Private Joseph Stone was hard to dissect for many reasons. He had no known living ancestors and no dependants. Furthermore, he was a black American who came to Canada to serve in the No. 2 Construction Battalion. Using three different databases, we attempted to understand his life before, during and after the military

What does this information mean?

The information gathered from the primary sources gives a good overview at the soldier's overall life. We can infer a lot of from the information provided from the three different databases that we used

Personal Life

Born: August 22nd, 1883

Marital Status: Single

Dependants: None

Parents: Deceased

Siblings: One known

(Mrs. Bessie Strong)

Medical Overview

Age: 29 and 5 months

Height: 5 feet and 8 inches

Weight: 133 pounds

Dark Complexion

Brown Eyes

Black hair

Vaccinated

Admitted to hospital for 9 days

(For problems with the structure of his urethra)

Military Career

- Enlisted on Jan. 22, 1917
in Windsor Ontario until
the end of the war (1918)
- No. 2 Construction
Battalion
 - Rank: Private
- Station in France



Recommendations

OCDSB Teachers

- Provide strategies on how to read illegible slides
- Classes dedicated to teaching students how to find historical articles and newspaper resources from external sources

Future Students

- Use external search engines (Google Scholar or JSTOR) to help find primary and secondary sources
- Using a magnifier to help read PDF texts.



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