

Soldier PTN: William Isaac Taylor

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General Facts

- Born March 15th, 1873 in Montreal, Quebec
- Grew up as a member of the Methodist church
- Prior to service Canadian Expeditionary Force he was a Plasterer/Painter
- Widowed, yet put single in many places
- Joined/enlisted at 43 years old



Medical Info and Analysis

- Overall health was good and had no prior serious medical conditions
- Was 5'6 and 148 pounds (very average)
- Only served one year, enlisted Sept 16th, 1916 and was discharged October 17th, 1917
- Discharged under “disability” category as debility/debilitating (very weak) as being medically unfit
- Some of the terminology used in the document for the soldier report where we gathered information was very outdated, and it's important to be mindful of

Findings

-William's discharge age is inconsistent with his enlistment age (he was 43 when he enlisted and 64 when he was discharged) – he only served in the war for 1 year

-We found gaps in William's relationship status. In some parts it said that he was single and in others it said he was a widower.

-William was discharged in Halifax, N.S and he had plans to reside back in Quebec upon his return from

Description of Jaylor William J on Enlistment.

<p>Apparent Age <u>43</u> years months.</p> <p>(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)</p>	<p>Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.</p> <p>(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer).</p>
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September 25th 1917
Army Form B. 268.

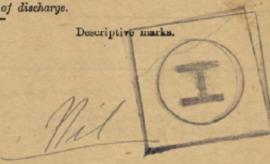
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Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No. <u>931266</u>	Army Rank <u>Pvt</u>
Name <u>Jaylor W. J.</u> (The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)	
Corps <u>2nd Que</u>	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <u>2nd Con. Bn.</u> (If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)	
Date of discharge <u>October 13th 1917</u>	
Place of discharge <u>Halifax, N.S.</u>	
1. Description at the time of discharge.	
Age <u>44</u> years months	Descriptive marks. 
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>8</u> inches	
Chest measurement { girth when fully expanded ins. range of expansion ins.	
Complexion } <u>Coloured</u>	
Eyes }	
Hair }	
Trade <u>Painter</u>	
Intended place of residence (To be given as fully as practicable) <u>Montreal Que</u>	

(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)



Limitations

- William's address that was listed in the document could not be found on a map
- We could not find William's death date in any of the search databases (Circumstances of Death Registers and Canadian Virtual War Memorial)
- In the "Circumstances of Death Register" database, it said that all soldier's last names starting from "Sip" to "Z" did not survive. This raised some questions around the accuracy of this information as it seems strange that the deaths were in alphabetical order
- We had trouble reading some of the hand writing in the document leading to some gaps in the information that we were able to record
- The language used in the original document to describe the soldier's race is outdated and very different than the language used today.
- We could not find a photo of William



Thank You!! :)