



Sgt. Sheldon Addison Foster

Born: December 8, 1898 - Fredericton, New Brunswick

Enlistment: March 1916 – St. John, New Brunswick

Biography:

Sheldon Addison Foster, son of Howard Addington Foster, 5th CMR:

- He was single and a shoemaker at time of enlistment
- First attempt to enlist was in Fredericton, New Brunswick after his Father in listed in 1915 but turned away because he was only 17 years old and underage (had to be 18 to enlist)
- Second attempt to enlist was in St. John, New Brunswick in March 1916 and this time lied about his age saying he was already 18 years old and was accepted
- Attestation papers filled out for the CEF on March 14, 1916 and assigned to the 140th Battalion, Regimental Identification Number 817946
- 140th Battalion sailed on the SS Corsican from Halifax, Nova Scotia on September 25, 1916 and arrived in Liverpool, England on October 6, 1916
- January 1, 1917, transferred from the 140th Battalion to the 7th Canadian Reserve Battalion
- January 26, 1917, transferred from the 7th Canadian Reserve Battalion to the 13th Canadian Reserve Battalion
- May 4, 1917, transferred from the 13th Canadian Reserve Battalion to the 2nd Canadian Division, 5th Canadian Brigade, 26th New Brunswick Battalion
- May 7, 1917, 26th New Brunswick Battalion landed in France



- June 2, 1917, the 26th New Brunswick Battalion was assigned to field duty taking an active part in the war, taking part in many of the major WW1 battles
- September 15, 1918, it is noted on Sheldon's military record that he was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field (we're not sure when, where, or what he did to receive this award)
- October 8, 1918, north east of Cambrai, the 26th New Brunswick Battalion advanced from Escaudoeuvres toward Naves and it was during this campaign that Sheldon was struck by shrapnel leaving an open wound of a four inch by one inch gash in his upper left arm
- Sheldon would remain in the hospital recovering from his wounds until December 20, 1918
- May 14, 1919, Sheldon returned to Canada sailing on the SS Caronia
- May 23, 1919, in St. John, New Brunswick, Sheldon was discharged from the CEF at the rank of Sergeant at 20 years, five months and two weeks old
- Last known military activity was with the 7th Canadian Reserve Battalion in Toronto, Ontario from January 9th to February 17, 1922.