

Archibald McDougall - WW1



1st Depot Battalion, Nova Scotia (C.E.F.)

Soldier Profile

- Full Name: Archibald Joseph McDougall (MacDougall... p. 1)
- Regimental Number: 3190570 (MacDougall... p. 1)
- Rank: Private (Pte.) (MacDougall... p. 1)
- Date of Birth: July 29, 1897 (MacDougall... p. 1)
- Place of Birth: Morar, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, Canada (MacDougall... p. 1)
- Next of Kin: Mary McDougall (Mother), Morar, Antigonish County (MacDougall... p. 1)
- Trade or Calling: Farmer (MacDougall... p. 1)
- Physical Description on Calling Up: 21 years and 1 month old, 5'7" tall, 137 lbs, fair complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, with no distinctive marks (MacDougall... pp. 1, 11).

Service Timeline

1. Conscription and Medical Evaluation (September 1918)

- September 13, 1918: Officially drafted and taken on strength under the *Military Service Act, 1917* at Camp Aldershot, Nova Scotia (MacDougall... p. 1). He was assigned to the 1st Depot Battalion, Nova Scotia Regiment (N.S.R.) (MacDougall... p. 1).
- Medical Fitness: He was examined by a military medical board at Camp Aldershot on September 14, 1918, and placed in medical Category "A-2" (Fit for active service overseas) (MacDougall... p. 1).

2. Domestic Leave of Absence (Autumn/Winter 1918)

- Private McDougall never deployed overseas and spent his entire service within Canada (MacDougall... pp. 9, 15).
- Leave of Absence: Following basic processing, he was granted an unexpired Leave of Absence without pay, allowing him to return home to his family farm in Morar (MacDougall... pp. 6, 15).
- The Armistice: Because the war effectively ended with the Armistice on November 11, 1918, his reinforcement pipeline was halted before his leave expired (MacDougall... pp. 9, 15).

3. Discharge and Demobilization (January 1919)

- January 3, 1919: Formally directed by military authorities at Mewburn Barracks, Halifax, to report on or before January 15, 1919, for final discharge processing (MacDougall... p. 15).
- The Alternative Release: As an alternative to reporting to the depot in person, he legally executed a formal demobilization release form before a local Justice of the Peace in Antigonish County (MacDougall... p. 15). He certified that he had sustained no injuries or illnesses during his active service or duty (MacDougall... p. 15).

- January 15, 1919: Formally struck off the strength of the CEF at Halifax, Nova Scotia (MacDougall... pp. 9, 17). His reason for discharge is listed as Demobilization under Daily Order Part II No. 15 (MacDougall... pp. 9, 17).
- Total Service Length: 4 months and 2 days.

Medical & Financial Summary

- His medical charts track no hospital stays, surgeries, or illness history during his brief tenure (MacDougall... pp. 12, 15).
- Account Settlement: His final pay ledger and Last Pay Certificate were finalized through the 1st Depot Battalion paymaster branch on January 16, 1919, to close out his account (MacDougall... p. 13).