

Kenneth McNeil - WW1



Personal Profile

- Full Name: Kenneth McNeil (pp. 1, 3).
- Date & Place of Birth: November 11, 1893, in Georgeville, Nova Scotia, Canada (p. 1).
- Trade or Calling: Fisherman (pp. 1, 3).
- Marital Status: Single (p. 1).
- Next-of-Kin: John J. McNeil (Father), residing in Georgeville, Nova Scotia (p. 1).
- Regimental Number: 4050742 (pp. 1, 3).

Units Served In

Private McNeil served his entire military career within a domestic depot battalion in Nova Scotia (pp. 5, 13):

- 1st Depot Battalion, Nova Scotia Regiment (N.S.R.): He was drafted under the Military Service Act of 1917 (p. 1). His paperwork initially lists his status upon calling up as a "Defaulter" (meaning he failed to report or register on time when the draft proclamation was issued) (pp. 1, 7).
- He was formally taken on strength at Camp Aldershot, Nova Scotia, on July 10, 1918 (p. 7), and assigned to "N" Company (pp. 8, 13).

Injuries & Medical History

- Physical Health Profile: His entry medical examination at Camp Aldershot on July 11, 1918, rated him as physically fit (Category A-2) (p. 1). He stood 5 feet 8½ inches tall, weighed 162 lbs, and had blue eyes with dark brown hair (pp. 1, 17). The medical board reported his heart, lungs, and hearing as entirely normal, noting "Nil" for distinctive marks or pre-existing physical peculiarities (pp. 1, 17).
- Dental Care: His dental ledger from July 25, 1918, shows a standard checkup where he received minor treatment for a single cavity on tooth number 6 (p. 15).

Discharge & Demobilization

- The Process: Following the end of hostilities, Private McNeil was placed on an unexpired civilian leave of absence without pay (p. 19). On December 28, 1918, he was officially ordered to execute his discharge paperwork (p. 19).
- Official Date: On January 3, 1919, he signed his formal soldier's liability release form (p. 19), and he was officially Struck Off Strength (S.O.S.) due to general Demobilization on January 6, 1919, at Halifax, Nova Scotia (pp. 9, 21).
- Financial Settlement: His Last Pay Certificate was finalized by the unit paymaster on January 7, 1919, showing a completely clear account with no remaining debt or balance owed to the military (p. 5).