

## Thomas MacPhie - WW1



## Personal Profile

- Full Name: Thomas Irving MacPhee (signed alternatively as MacPhie) (pp. 1, 9).
- Date of Birth: June 3, 1896 (p. 1).
- Place of Birth: Cape George, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, Canada (p. 1).
- Pre-Enlistment Trade: Fireman (p. 1).
- Next-of-Kin: William MacPhie (Father) (p. 1) / Kathrine McPhee (Mother) (pp. 5, 7).
- Physical Description: 5 feet 7 inches tall, dark complexion, brown eyes, brown hair (pp. 2, 9).

## Military Service & Timeline

- Regimental Number: 3186436 (p. 3).
- Rank: Private (Pte) (p. 3).
- Unit: 1st Depot Battalion, Nova Scotia Regiment (p. 3).
- Enlistment (Attestation): August 26, 1918, in Boston, Massachusetts (Voluntary Enlistment via British & Canadian Recruiting Mission) (pp. 1, 7, 21).
- Service Location: Served entirely within Canada (did not go overseas) (pp. 5, 9).
- Discharge Date: January 6, 1919, at Halifax, Nova Scotia (pp. 9, 33).
- Reason for Discharge: Demobilization, specifically identified as a railway employee (pp. 9, 33).

## Medical & Hospitalization History

Private MacPhee spent a significant portion of his short service hospitalized in Halifax due to two distinct illnesses:

### 1. Influenza

- Admission: November 8, 1918, at the Cogswell Street Military Hospital (Halifax) (pp. 23, 27).
- Symptoms: Admitted with a 100.4°F fever, headache, and body aches (p. 23). His fever peaked at 104°F on November 9 (p. 23).
- Outcome: Transferred to the Smallpox Hospital on November 12 after developing a distinct rash (p. 23).

## 2. Smallpox

- Admission: November 12, 1918, at the Nova Scotia Hospital (Halifax) (p. 25).
- Progress: Developed a heavy rash across his face and forehead, which began drying up by November 16 (p. 25).
- Treatment: Managed with oil dressings to soothe the skin during desquamation (peeling) (p. 25).
- Discharge: January 4, 1919 (p. 25). He was cleared of the infection and given 6 days of recovery leave just prior to his official military discharge (p. 25).

## Other Physical Marks

- Surgical Scar: He carried a well-consolidated scar on his right side from a prior appendectomy (pp. 9, 15).
- Prior Injury: Noted as walking with a slight limp due to an old right knee injury sustained two years prior to enlistment (p. 15).