

Christopher Murphy - WW1



Personal Profile

- Full Name: Christopher Patrick Murphy (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Date of Birth: December 18, 1894 (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Place of Birth: Cathedral Lake, Dublin, Ireland (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Pre-Enlistment Trade: Farmer (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Religion: Roman Catholic (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Next-of-Kin: Mary McDonald (Foster Mother), residing at South Side Cape George, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia (Murphy, Ch... pp. 1, 5).
- Physical Description: 5 feet 4 inches tall, dark complexion, grey eyes, black hair, weighing 130 pounds (Murphy, Ch... pp. 1, 15).

Military Service & Timeline

- Regimental Number: 3187867 (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Rank: Private (Pte) (Murphy, Ch... p. 3).
- Unit: 1st Depot Battalion, Nova Scotia Regiment (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Enlistment Date: Drafted on June 6, 1918, at Aldershot, Nova Scotia under the Military Service Act of 1917 (Murphy, Ch... p. 1).
- Service Location: Served entirely within Canada (Murphy, Ch... p. 11). He did not deploy overseas (Murphy, Ch... p. 17).
- Discharge Date: January 16, 1919, at Halifax, Nova Scotia (Murphy, Ch... pp. 9, 11).
- Reason for Discharge: Demobilization (Murphy, Ch... pp. 3, 11). Specifically, he was "reporting off harvest leave for disposal" to return to agricultural work (Murphy, Ch... pp. 11, 21).

Service Details & Extended Furloughs

Because of his civilian occupation as a farmer, Private Murphy spent the vast majority of his military tenure back home on Harvest Furlough to support wartime food production (Murphy, Ch... pp. 1, 8):

- August 6 – September 27, 1918: First harvest leave (Murphy, Ch... p. 8).
- September 28 – October 31, 1918: Second harvest leave (Murphy, Ch... p. 8).
- November 1 – November 15, 1918: Third harvest leave (Murphy, Ch... p. 8).
- November 16 – December 1, 1918: Fourth harvest leave (Murphy, Ch... p. 8).
- December 2, 1918: Placed on extended leave until officially recalled for his final discharge papers in January 1919 (Murphy, Ch... pp. 8, 11).

Medical & Health Status

- Medical Category: Classified as A II (Fit for active service overseas, pending basic physical conditioning) (Murphy, Ch... pp. 1, 15).
- General Health: Noted as being in good physical condition with normal hearing and vision, and no history of chronic disease (Murphy, Ch... pp. 13, 15).
- Vaccinations: Documented smallpox vaccination and anti-typhoid inoculations completed in June and July of 1918 (Murphy, Ch... p. 15).
- Dental Record: Examined on June 13, 1918, noting minor cavities requiring treatment (Murphy, Ch... p. 17).