

MacEachern, Angus Albert - WW1



Personal Profile

- Full Name: Angus Albert McEachern (p. 1)
- Date of Birth: September 18, 1887 (p. 1)
- Place of Birth: Antigonish, Cape George, Nova Scotia (p. 1)
- Next of Kin: Malcolm McEachern (Father), residing in Cape George, Antigonish, N.S. (p. 1)
- Trade/Occupation: Bridge Builder (also listed generally as a Laborer) (pp. 1, 9)
- Marital Status: Single (p. 1)
- Religion: Roman Catholic (p. 2)

Physical Description

- Age at Enlistment: 28 years, 2 months (p. 2)
- Height: 5 feet, 4.5 to 5 inches (pp. 2, 11)
- Weight: 142 lbs (p. 11)
- Complexion: Dark (p. 2)
- Eyes: Blue (p. 2)
- Hair: Dark Brown (p. 2)
- Medical Status: Declared "Fit" for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force (p. 2)

Military Service & Timeline

- Regimental Numbers: 473346 (initially) and 830252 (pp. 5, 11)
- Initial Enlistment: Enlisted on November 16, 1915, and signed his attestation papers on November 18, 1915, at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan (pp. 1-2, 11). He initially joined the 65th Battalion (pp. 5, 11).
- Transfer: Transferred to the 144th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F. in Winnipeg on January 25, 1916 (pp. 7, 9, 11).
- Disciplinary Issues: In February or March 1916, he forfeited 7 days of pay (p. 7).
- Desertion and Discharge:
 - A Court of Inquiry held on May 2, 1916, officially declared him illegally absent starting March 17, 1916 (p. 9).
 - He was officially struck off strength (S.O.S.) as a Deserter on May 18, 1916 (pp. 7, 9). His account was closed, and his pay reverted to the Crown (p. 7). Because he deserted in Winnipeg, he never sailed overseas with the 144th Battalion when they deployed in September 1916