

Charles Reginald Bennett

Service Number: 2334303

Rank: Private

Branch: Cyclist Battalion

Years Served: 1917 - 1918

Summary: Served with the Canadian Cyclist Battalion after attesting in the 135th and being rejected as under age. He suffered a hernia after a bike accident and also contracted chronic bronchitis. He was discharged as medically unfit. He died at Toledo Ohio from his war disease in March 1924 and is buried in Strathroy Cemetery.

BIO

Name: Charles Reginald Bennett

Birth Date: January 5, 1900

Relatives: Father - John Bennett. Mother - Louise Bennett

Address: Strathroy, ON

Attestation Date: March 5, 1917

Death Date: c. March, 1924

Burial Site: Strathroy Cemetery

IMAGES



SERVICE RECORD

Date	Particulars
Card	Card – 2334303 Pte Charles Reginald Bennett Canadian Cyclists Btn, date of service 14 May 1917, latest address 623 Bush St , Toledo Ohio, USA
5 Mar 1917	Attested in London ON, Father John Bennett of Strathroy ON, basket maker, reports date of birth as 2 nd Mar 1899, previous with 135 th Btn but discharged after 10 days as under-age.
3 May 1917	5' 8 one half " , light brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, Methodist, Card: Charles Reginald Bennett Strathroy ON born 2 March 1899, father John Bennett, born Sarnia ON, no previous military experience, attested in Cyclist platoon at London On 5 March 1917
3 May 1917	Embarked Halifax HMS Justicia
14 May 1917	Arrived Liverpool England
14 May 1917	TOS (<i>Taken on Strength</i>) Canadian Cyclist Reserve Corps Chiseldon England
19 Jun 1917	Transferred to 4 th Canadian Reserve Battalion Bramshott England
3 Aug 1917	TOS Boys Battalion Bexhill-on-Sur (Under Aged)
22 Sep 1917	TOS Young Soldier's Brigade
22 Nov 1918	TOS no 1 District Depot
29 Nov 1918	Returned to Canada
3 Dec 1918	Posted to Casualty Company
16 Dec 1918	Subsistence allowance from 4 Dec 1918 to 23 Dec 1918
23 Dec 1918	Medical Board - Results of chest examination classed C-11, hernia – truss
24 Dec 1918	Medical history of an Invalid; Next of Kin Mrs Louise Bennett Strathroy ON, Born 5 Jan 1900, tattoo of clasped hands over heart on left forearm. Diagnosis – inguinal hernia after bicycle accident, Chronic bronchitis from service
31 Dec 1918	Discharged medically unfit (PDP)? Discharge certificate issued at London ON
31 Dec 1918	Discharged medically unfit
16 Feb 1920	Proceedings on discharge – Cyclist Corps COMF , discharged at London On 31 Dec 1918, tattoo on left forearm. 5'8" 17 years of age, medium complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes, discharged as medically unfit

KNOWN DOCUMENTATION

Attestation Paper:

2594303 Duplicate

ATTESTATION PAPER. No. _____
Folio. _____

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.
(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? BENNETT
- 1a. What are your Christian names? Charles Reginald
- 1b. What is your present address? Strathroy, Ont.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born? Barnia, Lambton County, Ont.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? John Bennett
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Strathroy, Ont.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Father
5. What is the date of your birth? 2nd March 1888, 5th January 1902 and
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Basket maker
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? 135th Bn. C.E.F. 10 days (Discharged under age.)
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force? Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Charles Reginald Bennett, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to hold the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Chas Reginald Bennett
(Signature of Recruit)

Date 5th March 1917 Chas. Strathroy (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Charles Reginald Bennett, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as to duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers not over me. So help me God.

Chas Reginald Bennett
(Signature of Recruit)

Date 5th March 1917 Chas. Strathroy (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as required in, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at London, Ont. this 5th day of March 1917.

W. H. Clifton
(Signature of Justice)

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FORM-6-2
R. G. 1703-2-22

Description of C. R. Bennett on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 28 years 0 months 0 days.
(To be completed according to the instructions given in the Instructions to Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital mutilation or previous disease.

Height 5 ft 9 1/2 in.

Weight 155 lb.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Grey

Hair Light Brown

Church of England Yes

Protestant No

Roman Catholic No

Episcopalian No

Methodist No

Baptist or Congregationalist No

Seventh Day Adventist No

Other denomination No

RIGHT EYE D 20 LEFT EYE D 20
HEARING R. Normal L. Normal

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He was seen at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date 5th March 1917 W. H. Clifton
Place London, Ont. Major, C. A. M. C.
Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

C. R. Bennett having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

W. H. Clifton
(Signature of Officer)

Date 29/3 1917.

Casualty Form:

