

THOMPSON, F. A. -- Regt'l No. 62. Date of Engagement August 16, 1937.  
" " Discharge July 11, 1942.

No. 1. PORT AUX BASQUES Detachment. When assigned there in December 1937, the detachment was responsible for the area from ROSE BLANCE on the south coast to NORTH BRANCH on the Rail line and including the CODROY VALLEY.

CODROY VALLEY Detachment was opened in the Spring of 1938 and covered the area from CAPE RAY to NORTH BRANCH and , of course, the CODROY Valley.

BADGER Detachment. In 1939, the town of BADGER and a number of pulp cutting camps operated by the Newfoundland Anglo-Newfoundland Power & Paper Co., at GRAND FALLS. Highway Patrol, by motor cycle, of the highway between GRAND FALLS and BADGER.

Actual boundary lines for the detachment are unknown to me since they extended from the coast to many miles in-land, with the exception of BADGER Detachment. However, HQ personnel Brian White, Ewart Peckford and Ed. Power might be able to be more specific.

No. 2. PORT AUX BASQUES Detachment. Foot Patrol. Small open type fishing boat, power equipped. Nfld Railway coastal boats and train. Period 1937 to 1942.

CODROY VALLEY Detachment. Foot Patrol. Motor cycle supplied by Headquarters. Horse & Saddle. Horse & Sleigh in winter. Train, both passenger and freight. Motor vehicle when occasion demanded.

BADGER Detachment. Foot Patrol. Motor cycle supplied by HQ. Dog Team. Passenger and freight trains. Period 1939 and 1940.

No. 3. While returning, by foot, from investigating relief cases at ISLE AUX MORTS, FOX ROOST and MARGAREE in February 1938, I attempted to take a short cut across the ice at LITTLE BAY and when about twenty feet from shore, the ice gave way in the vicinity of a submerged rock. Fortunately I made it to shore and when I arrived at the Nfld Railway station in PORT AUX BASQUES, my uniform had frozen to a sheet of ice. My only regret now in reflecting on this incident was the fact that the nearest source of "medicinal" relief lay 500 miles to the East.

Have already provided Mrs. Tuck with information on the crash of a

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Lockheed twin-engine bomber near CODROY in March, 1942.

No. 4. I enlisted on August 16, 1937 and received by discharge on July 11, 1942 following the completion of my five year contract. I trained at WHITEBOURNE together with ten other members, viz;

Bill Smith  
Rex Dingwell  
Dean Bragg  
D. George  
Ern Clarke

Roy Manuel  
Eric Strickland  
Les LeDrew  
J. Suley  
Dave Howley

Staff members consisted of - Major F. Anderton, Ed. Power  
Inspector R. Fraser, Ambrose Hutchings  
Brian White, S/S B. Snelgrove  
Ed Delaney, Q/M  
Ewart Peckford

No. 5. No appreciable difference since I was stationed in BADGER and the CODROY VALLEY Detachments from 1939 to the date of my discharge in 1942.

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