



**Gilbert Ralph Bartlett**  
**234<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion**  
**Canadian Expeditionary Force**  
**Regimental No. 1024326**  
**World War I**

**Born:** 15 October 1895

**Died:** 01 March 1919

**Place of Birth:** Clarkes Beach,  
Newfoundland

**Parents:** William and Annie

Like many Newfoundlanders over the years, Gilbert had left home to find work as a machinist in Toronto. On 11 Sep 1916, Gilbert, now almost 21, enlisted in the Canadian Army.

His Attestation (enlistment) papers provide this about him:

- Enlisted at Ravina Barracks, 11 Sep 1916
- He stood 5' 4 1/2" tall
- Had brown hair and blue eyes
- Was of fair complexion
- Weighed 130 lbs
- Had a scar on his forehead
- Was a Methodist
- Single
- Could read and write
- Passed medical and pronounced fit for duty with the COEF (Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force)
- Was attached to the 234<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion of the CEF

Gilbert's service lasted just eight (8) months due to a medical condition. A second medical performed in May 1917 found that Gilbert had Bronchitis and according to his medical chart "complained always of tightness in the chest and difficulty breathing." The examination findings resulted in him being "At present unfit for service if exposed to inclement weather."

Gilbert was discharged on 07 Apr 1917.

Gilbert died in Toronto on 01 March 1919 of Pneumonia and is buried in the Prospect Cemetery on St. Clair Avenue in Toronto.