



Allan Caravan
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Service No. 2393
World War I

Born: 30 Aug 1896

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts

Parents: John and Mary Caravan

According to records, Allan had a total of thirteen (13) siblings with Allan being one of the older ones.

Allan enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on the third (03) of April 1916. He was 18 years old. He gave his occupation as scholar (was pursuing high education); he enlisted for the duration of the war, he was a Methodist and was small in stature at five feet, three inches (5' 3").

The following are direct entries found in his service record covering a total of 2 years and 362 days:

1. Embarked St. John's on S.S. Sicilian for UK: 19 – 07 – 16
2. Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force): 03 – 10 – 16
3. Joined Battalion: 14 – 10 – 16
4. Admitted to FH (Field Hospital) with left shoulder sprain: 25 – 04 – 17
5. Discharged to base at Rouen (France): 28 – 06 – 17
6. Joined unit in the field: 12 – 08 – 17
7. Admitted to FH, old fracture: 24 – 08 – 17
8. Rejoined unit from hospital: 28 – 08 – 17
9. Admitted to FH: 11 – 11 – 17
10. Discharged to unit: 16 – 11 – 17
11. Transferred from BEF to 2 Battalion Winchester (England): 19 – 01 – 19
12. To Newfoundland for demobilization: 30 – 01 – 19
13. Arrived Newfoundland: 07 – 02 – 19
14. Demobilized: 28 – 03 – 19

Note: There is a side notation indicating some of the specific areas where Allan saw action. All the Battle locations mentioned are quite familiar to Newfoundlanders as it reflects many places the Regiment fought and is now known as the Trail of the Caribou. Those places include:

- Gueudecourt Oct 1917
- Sailly sur – la – lys March 1916
- Monchy April 1916
- Cambrai November 1917
- Ypres September 1917

Upon discharge from military service in March 1919, Allan disappears from all official Newfoundland records. His mother Mary appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census. She is living in Country Road at that time.

From research, Allan moved to Vancouver, British Columbia. He is married to a lady by the name of Tannie Smith from Lancashire, England. They have one child, Mary born in 1943.

Allan passed away in 1969 in Vancouver and Tannie in 1981.