



Bernard Francis Delaney
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Newfoundland Forestry Companies
World War I
Regimental No. 4408

Born: 27 Feb 1902

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Mark Delaney and Eileen O'Rourke

Bernard enlisted on 11 April 1918. From his enlistment documents come a fairly good description of him as a young man. Bernard is just 18, stand 5ft 9 inches tall, weighs 160 lbs of the Roman Catholic faith, a mechanic by trade and appears well educated.

Bernard does not see any overseas duty in his one year 19-day term of service. His service record contains the following entries:

1. 11 Apr 1918 Reported for duty

2. 06 May 1918 Admitted to hospital with the measles
3. 31 Oct 1918 to 04 Nov 1918 Granted leave
4. 04 Nov 1918 Returned from leave
5. 03 Jan 1919 Discharged from service (discharge certificate #2213)

Back in civilian life, Bernard is found living at home with his parents in Bay Roberts. He is now 20 years old according to the census entry and is single.

By 1935, Bernard has moved to St. John's. He now has a wife, Mary 31 (of Calvert) and together they have four children, Nellie, Mary jr, Margaret, and Bernard jr.

The 1945 Newfoundland census finds the family still living in St. John's West and now their family has grown to include three (3) more children for a total of seven (7) in all.

Bernard passed away in May 1971 and Mary in July 1989. They are buried in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Mount Pearl, Newfoundland.

An interesting note was found inscribed on Bernard's gravestone. It is the fact that he was a member of the Merchant Navy during WW II. Since there is little or no real database record for the Merchant Navy personnel, it was quite satisfying to find he was in the MN as well.

Bernard then becomes one of only a handful of Newfoundlanders who served in both WW I and WW II.