

Charles Stevens The Royal Newfoundland Regiment Regimental No. 2433 World War I

Born: ?? Oct 1900

Date of Death: 05 September 1918

Place of Birth: Bareneed, Newfoundland

Parents: John Samuel and Fannie (Butt) Stevens

Charles was just 18 when he enlisted in the 1st Newfoundland Regiment for the duration of the war at St. John's on 06 of April 1916.

His enlistment (Attestation) papers describe Charles in detail as being 5' 7" tall, weighing 129 lbs, of fresh complexion, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is single, of the Church of England faith and a fisherman by trade.

Charles had enlisted for the duration of the war but was discharged in May 1918 prior to the war actually ending. Read on to discover how and why this happened. The Service Record for Pte. Charles Stevens of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment has the following handwritten entries:

 19 – 07 – 16: Embarked St. John's S.S. Sicilian for UK



S.S. Sicilian

- 2. 03 06 17: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force) France
- 3. 03 06 17: Disembarked Boulogne
- 4. 16-08-17: Wounded GSW (gunshot wound right side)
- 5. 16 08 17: Admitted to hospital Etaples
- 6. 28 09 17: Invalided to England
- 7. 28 09 17: Admitted to London general hospital Denmark Hill
- 8. 08-01-18: Admitted to Wandsworth general hospital
- 9. 06 04 18: Furloughed then attached to Nfld
- 10.08 04 18: Furlough extended
- 11. 09 04 18: To Nfld for demobilization
- 12. 20 05 18: Arrived Newfoundland
- 13. 25 05 18: Discharged as "medically unfit"

Throughout his service record are items of correspondence to his father noting how dangerously ill his son was and the continuing efforts to help him heal. His wounds were severe and took away his ability to breathe easily as the bullets had damaged his right lung. After months of convalescence, it was decided to send him back home on a medical discharge.

Charles did return home but was never the same and then an accident and Charles drowned. Here is a newspaper clip of the tragic event.

RETURNED HERO DROWNED

I.G. Hutchings had a wire from Const. Wells, Bay Roberts, this morning, that 'Charles Stevens, a returned wounded soldier of Bareneed, fell from the skids while board ing the s.s. Ranger at Coley's Point, last evening and was drowned. The body has been recovered.

Charles was the son of John Samuel (b. 1862) & Fannie nee Butt of Bareneed enlisted in the R.N.R in 1916. Charles was wounded in action on 16 Aug 1917 (gunshot wound to side), was transferred to a hospital in England, after 8 months in hospital he was sent home from hospital in April 1918 awaiting discharge, was discharged as medically unfit 25th May 1918, he was transferred back to Newfoundland, on the 2nd of Sept., 1918 he was awarded a medical disability pension and on the 5th of Sept., 1918 he drowned while boarding a ship at Coley's Point (burial considered a War Grave. by Military).

Point of Interest:

Charles Stevens is commemorated on page 119 of the Newfoundland Book of Remembrance on Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

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SEAMAN	Squires, Richard J.		
	HMS Clan McNaughton Newfound land Royal Nov	alFebruaru z	1015
CORPORAL	Stacey, Alfred J., MM		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	Januaryz	1018
SEAMAN	Stanley, Harold A.		
	HMS Equano Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve	w.March II,	1915
CORPORAL	Starks,Edward G.		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	October 9,	1017
PRIVATE	Stead, Jabez		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	April 14,	1917
SEAMAN	Steed, Dugald		
	HM Trawler Bradford, Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve	October 28,	IGIÉ
	steed, James		
	Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve	August 20,	1920
LIEUTENAN	TSteele, Owen William		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	Julys,	ique
LIEUTENAN	Stephenson, John Sidney		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	April 14,	1917
PRIVATE	Stephenson, William		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	March 27,	1918
PRIVATE	Stevens, Charles		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	Septembers	,1918
PRIVATE	Stevens, George William		
	24th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force	Septemberg	91910
PRIVATE	Stevenson,Alfred		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	Julys,	1917
PRIVATE	Stickland, Ingram		
	Royal Newfoundland Regiment	April 13,	1918
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Charles is buried in St. Mark's Anglican Cemetery in Bareneed, NL.