



Frederick (Fred) French

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Service # 4503

World War I

Born: 12 Aug 1899

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: William John and Bertha French

Fred enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on 19 April 1918, he was eighteen years old.

His enlistment (attestation) papers paint a picture of a brown haired, blue eyed boy of 18 weighing 150 lbs and standing 5 feet 6 inches tall, He is of fair complexion, a fisherman by trade and Anglican by faith. According to his medical examination results, he has a speech impediment.....he stammers.

His service records contain the following entries:

1. 19 Apr 1918: Enlisted
2. 13 Jul 1918: Assigned special duty at Hearts Content, home defense
3. 28 Oct 1918: Returned to Headquarters at St. John's
4. 11 Jan 1919: Demobilized

Fred's service lasted 268 days in all. He did not see service overseas but was attached to HQ in Newfoundland.

Like most soldiers of the day, Fred made special arrangement or rather allotment of money to be sent to his mother. As of 01 Nov 1918, 60 cents per diem was allotted to be deducted and sent to his mother to help with expenses.

Following his discharge, Fred appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census. He is living with his parents at Coley's Point. Fred is listed as being 22 at this time.

After 1921, Fred is not found in any official Newfoundland records. He is unable to trace in Canada or the United States. Additional information will be added once it becomes available.