

**Frederick Sealey**

**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental # 3257**

**World War I**

**Died in Service**

**Born:** 1897

**Place of Birth:** “The Dock” Bareneed,  
Newfoundland

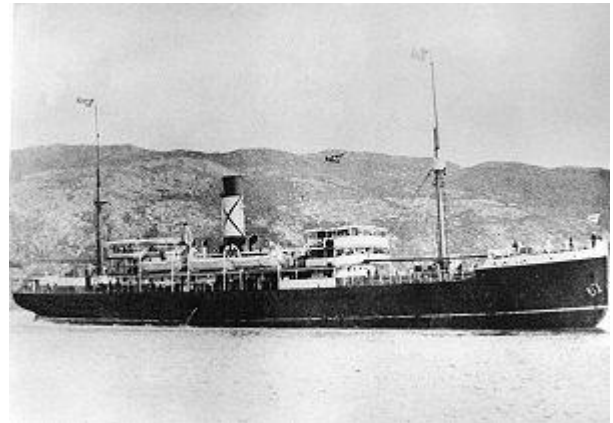
**Parents:** John and Jemima Anthony

It seems that Frederick’s parents both died when he was just a young boy. His aunt and uncle, John and Jessie Sealey, took him and raised him and he took their surname “Sealey” as his own.

Frederick’s attestation (enlistment) papers describe he as being 5’ 2” tall, weighing 121 lbs, a machinist by trade and Church of England by faith. He enlisted at age 19 on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1916. He was assigned to “C” Company of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

The following is the official service record hand written entries for Frederick:

1. 17 – 11 – 1916: Enlisted at St. John’s
2. 31 – 11 – 1916: Embarked St. John’s on the SS Florizel to Windsor, N.S.



SS Florizel

3. 17 – 04 – 1917: Embarked Halifax onboard the SS Northland



SS Northland originally the SS Zeeland

4. 11 – 06 – 1917: Embarked for the BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
5. 12 – 06 – 1917: Disembarked Rouen, France
6. 08 – 07 – 1917: Joined unit in the field
7. 09 – 10 – 1917: Killed in Action near Langemark, Belgium

Pte. Sealey is commemorated on the bronze plaque directly below the Caribou at

Beaumont-Hamel (Newfoundland)  
Memorial in France.

Frederick is also commemorated on the Port de Grave Cenotaph, but his name is incorrectly inscribed as “ J Seeley”. Both the initial and the surname are wrong. Frederick Sealey was the only WW I Royal Newfoundland Regiment soldier from the area with that particular surname. J. Seeley does not exist

The next page contains a copy of the Telegram sent to Pte Sealey’s parents informing them that he had “Died in Service”.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED) *Frederick Sealey*  
 Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Red	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated October 20, 1917.

To Mrs. John Sealey,  
 Dock,  
 Brigus.

Regret to inform your Record Office, London,  
 today reports No. 3257, Private Frederick Sealey,  
 was killed in action October ninth.

R.A. SQUIRES  
 Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR  
 This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. Mr. Caldwell, Brigus, has been delivered and acted upon.

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