



George L. Bishop

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 4669

World War I

Born: 26 Nov 1899

Place of Birth: Port de Grave,
Newfoundland

Parents: Benjamin and Mary (Brown)
Bishop

George enlisted late in the war effort. It was on the 24th of April 1918 that George made his way to the recruiting station at the Armoury in St. John's and signed up for the duration of the war.

His enlistment papers provide a picture of George at that time. He stood 5 ft. 8 ½ inches tall, had light brown hair with blue eyes and was of a fair complexion. He was single, Anglican by faith and a carpenter by trade.

George would spend one (1) year and fifty-five (55) days in service, beginning with his enlistment on 24 Apr 1918 to his discharge on 12 July 1919.

Excerpts from his service record by date allow one to follow George's time in service.

1. 24 – 03 – 1918: Enlisted
2. 24 – 04 – 18: Reported for duty
3. 24 – 07 – 18: Embarked St. John's on the S.S. Columbella to Halifax, N.S.



HMS COLUMBELLA – November 1914 to May 1916, September 1917 to October 1918, Northern Patrol (10th Cruiser Squadron), North Atlantic convoys

4. 23 – 11 – 18: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
5. 27 – 11 – 18: Disembarked France
6. 25 – 11 – 18: Admitted to sta. hospital Rouen with influenza
7. 28 – 01 – 1919: Transferred to England
8. 29 – 01 – 19: Admitted to Fulham Military Hospital (Hammersmith)
9. 21 – 02 – 19: Transferred to Wandsworth hospital with pleurisy effusion right side.
10. 02 – 04 – 19: Furloughed and posted to Winchester
11. 25 – 05 – 19: To Newfoundland for demobilization
12. 01 – 06 – 19: Arrived Newfoundland
13. 12 – 07 – 19: Demobilized and discharged, Discharge Certificate #3071

Once out of the service, George returned home to Port de Grave and is noted in the 1921 Newfoundland general census as being with his parents and two brothers in Sandy Cove, Port de Grave. George is twenty-two (22) and still single.

By the next general census in 1935, George (35) is still living with his parents at Sandy Cove. He is still unattached. His brothers William and Ambrose have both moved out on their own.

According to records, Benjamin died in 1937 and Mary just two years later in 1939.

George now on his own is found as an entry in the 1945 census living in Seal Cove, White Bay with Joshua and Annabella Robison. Following this he just disappears. No mention in any official documents and no record of death or burial place.

This dead end leaves only the notation that once additional information is found, this biography will be updated.