



**Gilbert Martin**  
**World War I**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**Regimental No. 5043**

**Born:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1897

**Place of Birth:** Cartwright, Labrador

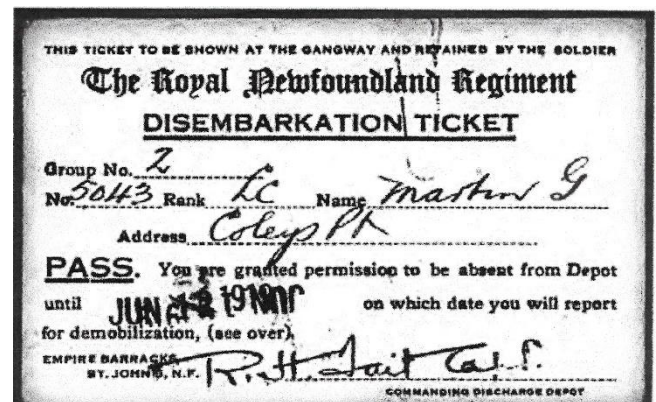
**Parents:** Henry and Elizabeth Martin of Coley's Point, Bay Roberts.

Gilbert enlisted for service in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1918. His enlistment papers describe Gilbert as being 5' 5 ½ "tall, 133 lbs, having a dark complexion, dark hair, and blue eyes.

His service record covers the dates from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1918 (enlistment) to July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1919 (date discharged), a period of one year and 58 days.

Although having enlisted late in the war, Gilbert's record shows:

1. He embarked St. John's for Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918
2. Embarked for the British Expeditionary Force on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1918
3. He disembarked France on the same date and joined the battalion in the field on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1918
4. Promoted to L/Cpl on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1919
5. Following a short tour service, he was transported from Rouen Camps, France to Winchester, England on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1919
6. From there he was shipped to Newfoundland for demobilization on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of 1919 and arrived in Newfoundland on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1919



7. He was officially discharged on 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1919 according to his Discharge Certificate No. 2934
8. According to his "Civil Re-establishment Committee form," Gilbert wished to train as a wireless operator" once discharged.

As was the case with many of the Newfoundland soldiers, Gilbert made special arrangements for an allotment from

his pay be sent to his mother each pay period. In the instance, Gilbert allotted .50 cents to be paid to his mom (Elizabeth Martin) beginning on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

Once discharged and the war over, Gilbert is found living at home with his parents and according to the 1921 census, he is now married to Annie (of Barneed), and they have 8-month-old child.

The census of 1935 shows Henry, Gilbert's father as a widower but it also shows Annie as a widow as well with two children. Sadly, Gilbert died in January 1931 at the age of 36. He is buried in the Grace United Church Cemetery at Coley's Point.