



Hector Dawe
World War I
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 4477

Born: February 1901

Place of Birth: Coleys Point, Bay Roberts

Parents: Isaac and Fanny Dawe

Hectors enlistment papers paint a picture of an 18-year-old, who is a fisherman by trade, Salvation Army by religion and weighs only 140 lbs. He enlisted on April 19, 1918, just as the war was coming to a close.

His time in service covers only 260 days in total from 19 April 1918 to 3 January 1919. He did not serve overseas; in fact, it is written across his service document that there was "No overseas service."

Being discharged in early 1919, Hector returned to the life he had left just a year earlier.

The 1921 census of Newfoundland finds him, now 20, living at home with his parents Isaac and Fanny.

Sometime between 1921 and 1929, he married a lady named Grace and they had one child. He had moved to the United States and settled in the community of Everett, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. It is here in 1929 that tragedy strikes as Hector dies on August 17, 1929, at 28 years of age. He is buried in the Central United Church (New) Cemetery in Bay Roberts.