



Henry Brown

Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 2101

World War I

Born: 27 August 1897 (?)

Died: Saturday 12 August 1916

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Emma Brown

On August 15th, 1916, Henry made his way to the recruiting station at the CLB Armoury on Harvey Road, St. John's and signed up for service in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

His enlistment documentations provides the following about Henry:

- He gave his age as 18 (6 months) but according to his mother, she contended he was just 17
- Was a fisherman by trade
- Stood 5' 8 ½' tall
- Weighed 154 lbs
- Was single
- Was Church of England
- Enlisted for "the duration of the war or until discharged."

Henry's Service Record contains the following hand-written notations:

1. 15 Aug 1916: Enlisted
2. 23 Mar 1916: Embarked St. John's SS Sicilian



SS Sicilian

3. 09 Jul 1916: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force) from Southampton
4. 10 Jul 1916: Disembarked Rouen, France
5. 21 Jul 1916: Joined Battalion
6. 12 Aug 1916: Killed in Action (Belgium) just east of Ypres in a shell attack.

Henry had served just six months (178 days) in the Regiment when he was killed in action.

The original resting place for Henry was at the Menin Road North Military Cemetery but due intense fighting and shelling in the area that decimated the cemetery; those buried there were moved to the Menin Road South Cemetery with the names of all buried there on a Memorial Cypress.

Henry was entitled to two medals:

- The British War Medal
 - The British Victory Medal
- Henry, like many Regiment members of the day, made provision for an allotment to be taken from his pay each pay period to help family at home. In Henry's case, he had an allotment of .65 cents to go to his mother, Emma.

There was a family of eight in all including parents (William and Emma). In fact, one of Henry's siblings, Samuel an older brother had enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland).

Attached below, is a copy of the telegram sent to Captain Roberts, the Salvation Army Officer at the time, requesting that he inform the family of Henry's death. This item is found in Henry's official service record on page 14.

The second item is a copy of the Memorial Plaque receipt (page 48 of the Service Record) that the family was provided by the Department of Militia at St. John's acknowledging the service given by the Henry.

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Dated 21st August, 1916.

To Capt. Roberts,
Salvation Army,
Bay Roberts.

Regret to inform you that Record Office London today reports that No. 2101, Private Harry Brown, son of Mr. William Brown, was killed in Action on August twelfth. Kindly inform relatives.

J.R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2101 ... Rank AB

Name Harry Brown

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs Emma Brown (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address River Head, Bay Roberts

