



**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 provide 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



# Harry Brown

## Killed in Action

Again have the ravages of the great war been brought into close touch with the hearts of our peaceful community. Again a family circle has been broken, and another loved one, who went forth in the pride of his strength and young manhood to uphold his nation's honor, now sleeps in a British soldier's grave until the final roll is called.

The following message, received on Monday last, was handed to us by Adjutant Ellsworth, S. A., upon whom devolved the duty of breaking the said news to his mother and other members of the family, his father being away on Labrador:—

St. John's, Aug. 21.

Capt. Roberts, Salvation Army,  
Bay Roberts

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, to-day reports that No. 2101 Private Harry Brown, son of Mr. William Brown, was killed in action on August 12th. Kindly inform parents

J. R. BENNETT, Col. Sec.

Thus has the name of another son of Bay Roberts been added to the immortal roll of honor, and another brave son of Newfoundland has laid down his young life for the cause of right and freedom.

Private Harry Brown, was a son of William Henry and Emma Brown, of the Old Barracks Road, and was but 19 years of age, at the time of his death.

He enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment last spring, went to England in July, and was drafted to France, from Ayr, only a short time ago, to help fill the depleted ranks of the Regiment after its heavy losses of the 1st July.

He was one of a family of six children, and leaves to mourn his loss, besides a father and mother, two sisters and three brothers. One of his brothers, Samuel, is a Naval Reservist, on board H. M. S. Duchess of Devonshire, doing duty in the North Sea.

The deceased was a member of the Salvation Army, and had attended the day school of that denomination.

The sympathy of the entire community, in which the Guardian joins, will go out to the bereaved family in large measure, to cheer and sustain them in their hour of trial.

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

