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Henry William Russell
1st Battalion of Nova Scotia Regiment
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Regimental No. 3182674
World War I

Born: 01 January 1899

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts East,
Newfoundland

Parents: Unknown

Henry was living in Nova Scotia when he enlisted on 13 June 1918. His enlistment papers provide some interesting information about him:

1. Most notably is that listed as his next of kin is his brother, Gilbert but he has no address, so any notifications were to be seen to Isaac Parsons of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.
2. He was drafted and failed to report on the appointed day and was

therefore termed a “defaulter.” That was a misnomer since his service record certainly refutes that assumption

3. He gives his trade as fisherman
4. He is 19 and single
5. Has black hair and blue eyes
6. Stood just 5’ 4 1/2”
7. Anglican
8. Attached to the 1st Depot Battalion Nova Scotia Regiment.

Henry’s service record reads as follows:

1. 02 Jul 1918: Transferred to the CGR (Canadian Garrison Regiment)
2. 02 Aug 1918: Embarked Halifax for overseas
3. 16 Aug 1918: Disembarked Liverpool
4. 22 Aug 1918: TOS (taken on strength) on arrival from Canada
5. 28 Jun 1919: SOS (struck of strength) to CEF Canada
6. Transported to Canada on the HMTS Mauretania
7. 13 Jul 1919: Discharged

Once discharged, Henry returned to Nova Scotia, where in 1922 he married Rita who was just 18 at the time. Together they made a life in Nova Scotia and had one child, Doreen born in 1940 that can be confirmed. There quite possibly may have been others but no record has been discovered to confirm this assumption.

Rita died in 1952, while Henry passed away almost 20 years later in October 1971. Rita (Reta) is buried in Camp Hill Cemetery in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Henry is buried in St. John’s Cemetery and Columbarium, Halifax, Nova Scotia.