



James Carew

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 4601

World War I

Born: 01 April 1897

Place of Birth: Clarke's Beach, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Richard and Rose Carew

Travelling from Clarke's Beach (by train probably) James arrived in St. John's and enlisted in The Royal Newfoundland Regiment at the recruiting station at the Armoury on Harvey Street on April 21st, 1918.

James' Attestation (or enlistment) papers provide the following picture of the 21 year old. He stood just 5' 3 ¼ " tall, weighed 125 lbs, was of medium complexion and had brown hair with blue eyes. For his trade he noted he worked as a labourer, was Roman Catholic by faith and not married. It is

evident from the signature line of the papers that James could not write but signed with his mark, an X which was then witnessed by one of the recruiting officers.

James official service record has the following entries:

1. 22 – 04 – 1918: Enlisted
2. 11 – 06 – 18: Embarked St. John's by train to Halifax, N. S.
3. 03 – 07 – 18: Medical check placed James in category "C" . Fit for home service only
4. 07 – 07 – 18: Hospitalized at Halifax with mumps and chickenpox. He then developed Chronic Bronchitis and Myalgia
5. 12 – 08 – 18: Joined the Depot at St. John's from Halifax
6. 02 – 09 – 18: Discharged as being "medically unfit" for service.

It is interesting to note that James embarked overseas in early June 1918 with his draft but had to be returned to Newfoundland due to illness.

Following his discharge from the Regiment, James is untraceable. No further information on him has been located despite extensive research. Additional information will be added when/if it becomes available.