



James Dunn

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 3543

World War I

Born: 03 Oct 1896

Died: 12 Sep 1918

Place of Birth: South River, Clarke's Beach,
Newfoundland

Parents: George and Bridget Dunn

James enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on the 14th of March 1917 at the CLB Armoury depot St. John's.

His enlistment documents provide the following description of James on that day. He was 155 lbs with light brown hair, blue eyes, of fair complexion and stood 5 ft. 11 inches tall. He was twenty-one (21) years old.

James was put through the usual enlistment process, which included a medical. He passed and was given the regimental No. 3543.

As James was in training, an officer observed his hand and arm tremors while on the rifle range and reported it to his superiors.

James was subsequently re-examined. The range officer's observation turned out to be correct. James reflexes were quite exaggerated particularly in his legs and arms. A disorder of coordination was found, and James admitted having such a problem since childhood.

James was discharged from the Regiment as "medically unfit" on May 30th, 1917. He had served for a total of seventy-eight (78) days.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census for the community of South River finds James' parents George (71) and Bridget (66) alive and living in the community. As for James, there is no entry and that's because he passed away at twenty-three (23) on Bell Island in 1918 and is buried in All Hallows Roman Catholic Cemetery at North River, Newfoundland. He can be found in the cemetery sharing the same headstone as his Father, George and mother, Bridget.

Below is a picture of James and his brother Bernard.

