



James Dwyer
World War I
Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit
Regimental No. 8477

Born: July 1901

Place of Birth: Shearstown, Bay Roberts

Parents: William & Elizabeth Dwyer

James or Jas as he was used to being called enlisted in the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit on February 2nd, 1918.

Just 19 at the time, James's enlistment documents describe him as 5' 10", a labourer, a Methodist and as having a scar on his left cheekbone.

Service Record:

1. Enlisted 2nd February 1918
2. Shipped to Scotland
3. Discharged 26th March 1919
4. Length of service 13 months.

The 1921 Newfoundland census shows James at age 20 living at home with his parents and several other siblings, one of whom is married with a small child.

1935 sees James married to wife "Sippie," they have a 3-year-old son William and are still living with James' parents

By 1945, James and Sippie's family has grown to include William, Malcolm, and Sarah Ann.

James's wife, Sippie passed away in 1973 at the age of 62, while James died in June 1977. They are both buried in the "Gospel Preachers Cemetery" Shearstown.