



James Henry Newell

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 2429

World War I

Born: 03 October 1897

Place of Birth: Georgetown, Brigus, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Bertha Newell

At eighteen (18), young James travelled to St. John's and visited the recruiting depot at the CLB Armoury on Harvey Road. There, he enlisted in the 1st Newfoundland Regiment for the duration of the war. It was the fourth (4) of April 1916.

James was a clerk by trade, a Methodist by faith and physically was 5' 10" with light brown hair and blue eyes.

Service Record:

Below are direct handwritten entries in James's service record that provide the

reader with a trail by date, of some of his day to day war experiences.

1. 19 – 07 – 16: Embarked St. Johns on board the S.S. Sicilian to UK



S.S. Sicilian

2. 24 – 10 – 16: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
3. 13 – 12 – 16: Admitted to CCS
4. 23 – 01 – 17: Invalided to England
5. 24 – 01 – 17: Admitted to hospital at Southampton
6. 20 – 05 – 17: Furloughed then attached to Depot
7. 05 – 08 – 17: Embarked for BEF
8. 03 – 09 – 17: Joined Battalion in the field
9. 20 – 11 – 17: Wounded
10. 21 – 11 – 17: Admitted to # 37 field hospital with GSW to leg (gunshot wound)
11. 27 – 11 – 17: Invalided to England
12. 28 – 11 – 17: Admitted to #5 London general hospital
13. 18 – 01 – 18: Admitted to Wandsworth Hospital
14. 02 – 08 – 18: Furloughed and then attached to Command Depot
15. 20 – 09 – 18: Posted to Winchester
16. 30 – 01 – 19: To Nfld for demobilization
17. 07 – 02 – 19: Arrived Nfld

18. 29 – 03 – 19: Demobilized at St.
John's

Following the war and his return to civilian life, James is very difficult to locate, in fact the only record found is an entry in the 1935 Newfoundland general census which places him living in Corner Brook. James is married to Winnifred (Kennedy of Western Bay) Newell, and they have an eight year old (8) son William. James is thirty-seven (37) and Wife Winnifred is thirty-five (35)

James died in 1961 in Corner Brook and Winnifred also died in Corner Brook (date unknown). It is presumed that they are buried in the Corner Brook area, but this cannot be confirmed at this time

If further information comes to light, this biography will be updated then.