



**John A. Winter**

**The Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental No. 4091**

**World War I**

**Born:** 28 Aug 1896

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

**Parents:** William Henry and Mary (Furlong) Winter

John enlisted at the Royal Newfoundland Regiment recruiting depot located in Grand Falls on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917. According to his enlistment papers, John was 5' 8", of fair complexion, with dark hair and grey eyes. At 21, he gave his trade as machinist and his religion as Roman Catholic.

Excerpts from John's service record show:

1. 05 – 11- 1917: Enlisted (at Grand Falls)
2. 11 – 12 – 17: Embarked St. John's on board the SS Florizel
3. 02 – 07 – 18: Embarked for the BEF (British Expeditionary Force) in France
4. 15 – 01 – 19: Admitted to #87 FH (field hospital)
5. 08 – 02 – 19: Rejoined unit

6. 09- 02 – 18: Admitted to 5<sup>th</sup> FH
7. 07 – 03 – 18: Returned to duty
8. 22 – 04 – 19: Transferred from Rouen
9. 22 – 04 – 19: Embarked at Havre
10. 25 – 04 – 19: Disembarked at Southampton
11. 28 – 04 – 19: Reached Hazeley Down Camp
12. 29 – 04 – 19: Arrived Winchester, England
13. 22 – 05- 19: To Nfld for demobilization.
14. 22 -06 – 19: Admitted to convalescent hospital
15. 01 – 06 – 19: Arrived Newfoundland on board the SS Corsican
16. 12 – 07 – 19: Demobilized at St. John's and discharged by certificate # 3064

According to John, as noted in his record, he was the victim of gassing in 1918.

Once home, he indicated that he wished to pursue a trade in electrical engineering. He is found at home in the 1921 census with his parents at Clarke's Beach. He is now twenty-six (26) years old.

He then disappears from all official Newfoundland and Canadian documents. He apparently moved to the United States and married Pearl Myrtle (Woodiwiss).

John died in October 1974 at the age of 78 and is buried in the Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Los Altos, Santa Clara County, California.