

John Ploughman
1st Newfoundland Regiment
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 890
World War I

Born: 20 Jul 1893

Died: 17 Dec 1950

Place of Birth: Ship Cove, Port Rexton,
Trinity Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Mark and Mary Jane Ploughman

John was actually born in Ship Cove, Trinity Bay a farming and fishing settlement on the north-west shore of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, 2 miles from the community of Trinity. Since this community is not readily known, the closest larger community is Port Rexton.

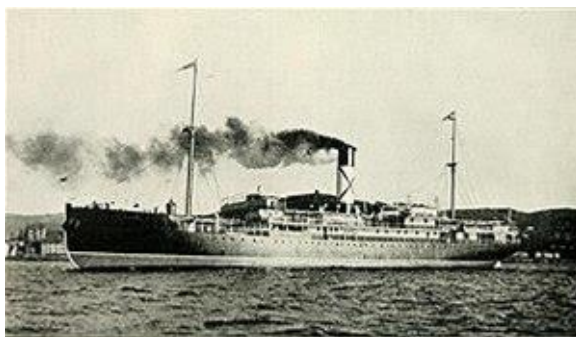
When John enlisted in the 1st. Newfoundland Regiment (later awarded the title of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment) on 06

February 1915, it is Port Rexton that he noted as his home address.

At eighteen (18), John, fisherman by trade, stood 5' 8 ½", weighed 139 lbs and had dark brown hair with blue eyes. He was single and of the Church of England (Anglican) faith.

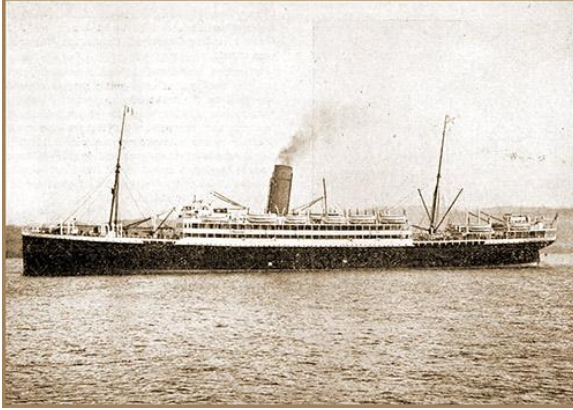
John's service record which lasted two (2) years and 195 days from 06 Feb 1915 to 19 Jul 1917 is documented by date as follows:

1. 06 – 02 – 1915: Enlisted at St. John's, Newfoundland
2. 20 – 03 – 1915: Embarked St. John's on board the SS Stephano



SS Stephano

During the First World War on 20 March 1915, Stephano transported D Company of the First Newfoundland Regiment to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they boarded the SS Orduña to Great Britain.



The SS Orduña (1914) of the Royal Mail Line (RMSP). The Ship was Chartered by Cunard from 1914-1918.

3. 20 – 08 – 1915: Embarked Halifax on the SS Orduña for the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force) and entrained for Cairo.
4. 31 – 08 – 1915: Disembarked Cairo
5. 13 – 09 – 1915: Embarked for Gallipoli
6. 19/20 - 09 - 1915: Landed Suvla Bay, Turkey
7. 25 - 11 - 1915: Admitted to hospital Lanfranc with pleurisy
8. 02 – 12 – 1915: At hospital in Cairo
9. 26 – 12 – 1915: Invalided to England and admitted to Wandsworth hospital suffering from pleurisy and Lumbago. Diagnosed with neurasthenia caused from active service in the Dardanelles.
10. 21 – 02 – 1916: Furloughed and then attached to depot in England
11. 15 – 06 – 1917: To Newfoundland for discharge
12. 26 – 06 – 1917: Arrived Quebec, Canada from Liverpool, England on the SS Missanabie. The ship was

carrying “returning Newfoundland soldiers.”

13. 19 – 07 – 1917: Discharged as medically unfit for service.

Following his time in service, John married Addie Hedges of St. John’s and together they would have eight (8) children in 15 years. Surprisingly, three of those children, Reuben, “Gerald” and Veron would enlist for service in WW II following in their father’s footsteps.

John became a teacher and is found in the 1921 census, living in Bay Roberts. The couple just 28 and 24 respectively have a nine (9) month old son, Reuben as noted in the census records.

By the time of the next census, 1935, the Ploughman’s have seven children ranging in age from fifteen (15) to two (2) and they are now living in Coley’s Point (Bay Roberts, Newfoundland).

John died in 1950 at the relatively early age of 57 and is buried in the Forest Road Anglican Cemetery at St. John’s, Newfoundland.