



Cpl John Snow
World War I
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 5131

Born: February 21, 1897

Died: March 24, 1960

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts

Parents: John and Mary Ann Snow

According to John's enlistment paper, we know that he was:

- a) 21
- b) A clerk
- c) A Methodist
- d) Had black hair
- e) Blue eyes
- f) Stood 5' 7"
- g) 133 lbs
- h) Enlisted on the 17th of May 1918

John's service record:

1. Enlisted 17 May 1918
2. Admitted to barracks hospital, St. John's 25 June 1918
3. Discharged from hospital 3rd of July 1918
4. Embarked St. John's on board the S.S. Sicilian to Halifax on 22 July 1918



S.S. Sicilian



5. Embarked for overseas on board the S.S. Columbella 25th of July 1918
6. To Newfoundland for demobilization on 24 June 1919
7. Arrived Newfoundland 1st of July 1919
8. Demobilized 1st of July 1919

John's length of service was one (1) year and 79 days. During his service, John was

promoted twice. To Lance Corporal on 3rd April 1918 and then to Corporal in June 1919.

Entries in the 1921 census finds John at home in Bay Roberts with his parents, John, and Mary. His two sisters (Jessie & Emmie) and one brother (Baxter) are living at home as well. John is 24 years old and single.

Beginning shortly after the 1921 census, John makes a number of trips to the United States with the aim of eventually becoming an American citizen. This is evident by the May 12, 1923, trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia where he undergoes pre-examination for entry in to the U.S.

1925 finds John arriving at Vanceboro, Maine from St. John's in May. Then in March of 1930, he once again travels from Newfoundland to Boston, this time giving Portland, Maine as his permanent residence. He is now presumably a U.S. citizen.

1930 is a pivotal year for John as he weds a young lady by the name of Caroline Carrie Cave on August 6th in Maine. Carrie as she liked to be called is from Bay Roberts, the daughter of Henry and Annie Cave. Carrie is described as being 5'3", of fair complexion and fair hair with brown eyes. She had been living in Cambridge, Massachusetts since March. It seems that the two had previously arranged the wedding while in Newfoundland and made it official in the U.S. They then made their home in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The two were married just a year and a half when tragedy struck and Carrie died on March 5th, 1932, at the age of thirty (30). Carrie is buried in the Old Central United Church Cemetery, Bay Roberts.

John returned to Massachusetts in 1933, giving this as his permanent place of residence but then appears in the 1935 Newfoundland general census as living in Bay Roberts with his parents and siblings. John is a widower now and only 38 years old.

John remained in Bay Roberts, as noted by a 1945 census entry at the age of 48. He worked as an accountant in the area and passed away in March 1960 at 63. He is buried in the Old Central United Church Cemetery alongside his wife.