



Nathan Boone

1st Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 992

World War I

Born: 31 Dec 1890

Died: 30 Aug 1940 (age 50)

Place of Birth: South River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Samuel and Ann (Roach) Boone

Like many Newfoundland men of the day, Nathan made his way to the recruiting headquarters located at the CLB Armoury on Harvey Road, St. John's to enlist in the war effort.

The date was January 30, 1915, and Nathan had just turned 25. His attestation (enlistment) papers describe him as 5' 6" tall, 147 lbs, having black hair and light blue eyes. He was a fisherman by trade and Church of England by faith.

Nathan's Service Record contains the following entries by date and event/location.

1. 30 Jan 1915: Enlisted at St. John's
2. 20 Mar 1915: Embarked on the SS Stephano
3. 20 Aug 1915: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
4. 31 Aug 1915: Disembarked Havre and entrained for Cairo
5. 13 Sep 1915: Embarked for Gallipoli
6. 19 – 20 Sep 1915: landed Suvla Bay at night/early morning
7. 06 Oct 1915: Admitted to hospital (Dunluce Castle)
8. 12 Nov 1915: Discharged hospital
9. 26 Jan 1916: Discharged from hospital again and joined unit
10. 14 Mar 1916: Embarked Port Suez
11. 22 Mar 1916: Disembarked Marseilles
12. 28 Mar 1916: Admitted to #3 CCS (Clearing Centre Station)
13. 28 Apr 1916: Discharged to Rouen, France
14. 09 Jun 1916: Rejoined Battalion
15. 12 Oct 1916: Wounded. Admitted #140 FH (Field Hospital) GSW (Gun Shot Wound) to left shoulder
16. 15 Oct 1916: Invalided to England
17. 16 Oct 1916: Admitted to Wandsworth Hospital. Then furloughed and attached to Depot
18. 17 Feb 1917: To Newfoundland for discharge

19. 14 Feb 1917: Posted to HQ
Newfoundland
20. 25 Mar 1917: Discharged as
“medically unit.”
21. 09 Oct 1917: Reattested for service
and assigned as recruiter
22. 23 Jun 1918: SOS (struck off
strength) and discharged again.

Nathan had spent a total of two (2) years and 165 days in service. He was discharged by discharge certificate #378.

He had served in some the hardest and bloodiest battles of the war including such places as Gallipoli, Mudros, Lommos, the Western Egyptian Frontier, Suvla and Suez, to name just a few.

Following the end of the war, Nathan is found in the 1921 Newfoundland general census now married and living on Bell Island working as a miner. He is married to Alfreda C. (Taylor), and they have two children, Edith 1 and Annie 6 months old.

The next census in 1935 shows the Boone's still on Bell Island but their family as grown to include Edith, Annie, Samuel, Florence and Alfreda & Nathan (twins).

Tragically, Alfreda died in 1938 at the age of 40 and Nathan passed in August 1940 at the age of 50. They are buried on Bell Island at the St. Boniface Anglican Cemetery there.