



Raymond Chesley Wells
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
World War I
Regimental No. 2889

Born: 27 July 1891

Place of Birth: Carbonear

Parents: Robert James and Ruth Wells

Raymond was working as a bank clerk when he decided to enlist in the war effort. He travelled to the CLB Armoury, St. John's and on 19 Jun 1916 he signed up. He was almost 25 at the time (24 years 11 months).

He is described as being 5 feet 9 inches tall, with brown hair and eyes, weighing 129lbs and of fair complexion. He gives his religion as Church of England.

Raymond would spend the next four (4) years as a member of the Royal

Newfoundland Regiment, and he would see action in France, Belgium and England.

His service record details his time in service:

1. Embarked St. John's aboard the S/S Florizel for Winsor 31 Jan 1917
2. Embarked for the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force) 11 Jun 1917
3. Joined Battalion 02 Jul 1917
4. Wounded 16 Aug 1917 (gunshot wound to his left ankle) and admitted to field hospital at Etaples, France)
5. Discharged to hospital at Rouen 12 Nov 1917
6. Joined battalion in the field 2 Jan 1918
7. Admitted to field hospital again and then transferred to Camp 31 Mar 1918
8. Discharged and joined base depot 23 May 1918
9. Rejoined unit 7 Jun 1918
10. Transferred from Rouen Camp and arrived Winchester, England 22 Apr 1919
11. To Newfoundland for demobilization 22 May 1919
12. Arrived Newfoundland 1 Jun 1919
13. Assigned to depot and finally discharged 28 May 1920.

During his service time, Raymond was promoted several times. To Lance Corporal on 14 Jan 1918 and to RQMS (Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant) on 28 Jun 1919.

Back in civilian life, Raymond's parents are found still living in Bay Roberts, while he is shown at 29 living on Circular Road, St. John's with his wife, Jeanette (28).

By 1935 the Wells are still living in St. John's and now have three (3) children.

Jeanette passed away in 1977 and Raymond in 1983. They are buried in the Kenmount Road Anglican Cemetery in St. John's, Newfoundland.