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Stanley Atkins

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 4342

World War I

Born: 22 August 1897

Died: 03 February 1980

Place of Birth: North River, Newfoundland

Parents: Benjamin and Rachel Atkins

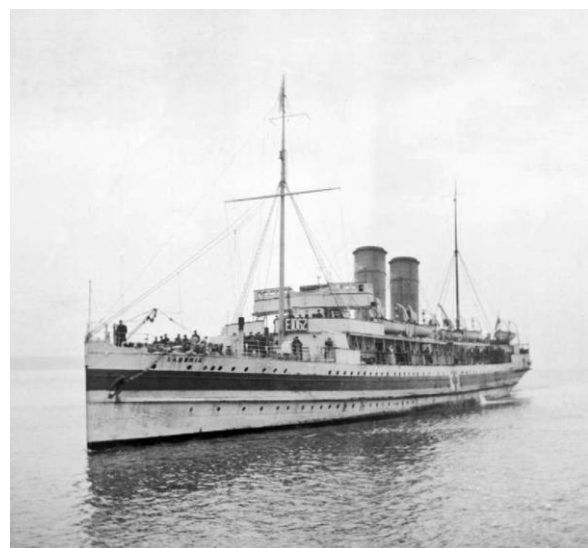
Stanley enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. John's on the 9th of February 1918. He is described as having black hair, grey eyes, 5 feet 7 inches tall, single and of the Church of England faith. He gave his trade as linesman and signed up for the duration of the war.

Stanley would serve in the Regiment from 9 Feb 1918 to 02 May 1919, about fifteen (15) months in total. During that time, he would see action in France, Belgium and Germany.

He would be hospitalized several times ailing from pleurisy and on one occasion a gunshot wound to his left side and back. He would, however, survive and return home in May 1919.

Some excerpts from his official service record are provided here by date.

1. 09 – 02 – 1918: Enlisted at St. John's
2. 28 – 03 – 1918: Embarked St. John's by train for Halifax, N. S.
3. 31 – 08 – 1918: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
4. 20 – 10 – 1918: Wounded with gunshot wound to left side and back.
5. 22 – 10 – 1918: Admitted to general hospital at Boulogne, France
6. 24 – 10 – 1918: Admitted to hospital at Ecault, France
7. 01 – 11 – 1918: Discharged to No. 5 rest camp at St. Martins, Boulogne
8. 31 – 12 – 1918: Became ill with Pleurisy, Cologne
9. 14 – 01 – 1919: Admitted to hospital again
10. 16 – 01 – 1919: To Wandsworth from hospital ship , Cambrai



HMHS Cambrai

Requisitioned by the Admiralty in 1914 as an Armed Boarding Steamer and converted to a Hospital Ship after 21 Jul 1915. Worked the Dover to France service until May 1917 when she transferred to Holyhead to act as a hospital carrier between there and Dublin.

11. 27 – 02 – 1919: Furloughed and posted to England
12. 12 – 03 – 1919: To Newfoundland aboard the S. S. Baltic (Liverpool)
13. 24 – 03 – 1919: Arrived Newfoundland
14. 01 – 05 – 1919: Demobilized and discharged.

According to information found in his record, Stanley had previously been in service in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland), from December 1914 to the summer of 1917. Subsequent research shows that there was in fact a Stanley Atkins No. 1397X in the Naval Reserves.

Following his discharge, Stanley simply disappears, as there is no record of him found in any official Newfoundland documents researched.

In his service record, however, is a letter from the Secretary, Canadian Legion, Saskatoon, Sask. in 1930 with regard to Stanley. The assumption then becomes that Stanley was in Saskatchewan at that time, but this cannot be definitively confirmed.

What is known is that Stanley was married to a Dorothy Grace (Palmer) Atkins and that they had three (3) children. Stanley died on 03 Feb 1980. At the time, he was a resident of the Harbour Lodge Carbonear, Newfoundland. No burial site has been located