



Thomas Dawe
World War I
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental Service No. 3944

Born: 9 August 1896

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Bay Roberts

Parents: Joseph and Mary Dawe

The enlistment papers for Thomas Dawe provide the following information about him:

- a) He enlisted on the 3rd of September 1917
- b) Physically, he was 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighed 112lbs, had black hair and brown eyes
- c) He was a teacher by occupation and Church of England by faith.

His service record which began on enlistment on the 3rd of September 1917 and ended upon his discharge on the 10th of July 1919, covered a span of 1 year and 311 days.

The following is a number of events in his service career by date:

- 1) Embarked St. John's for Halifax, Canada on the S.S. Florizel on the 3rd of October 1917
- 2) Embarked for the British Expeditionary Force on the 23rd of April 1918
- 3) Disembarked France the 26th of April 1918
- 4) Joined the BEF battalion 1st of May 1918
- 5) Admitted to hospital in Boulogne, France on the 2nd of July 1918
- 6) Discharged to a rest camp the 12th of July 1918
- 7) Attached to base depot at Rouen 15th of July 1918
- 8) Rejoined unit on 22nd of July 1918
- 9) Admitted to the general hospital in Abbeville with Influenza on 2nd of September
- 10) Attached to base depot at Rouen 13th of October 1918
- 11) Rejoined unit on the 19th of October 1918
- 12) Promoted to Lance Corporal on the 16th of January 1919
- 13) Promoted to CQMS on 18th of April 1919
- 14) Transferred to Rouen and then to Winchester, England on 23rd of April 1919
- 15) Shipped to Newfoundland for demobilization on 22nd of May 1919
- 16) Arrived Newfoundland on 1st of June 1919
- 17) Demobilized on 10th of July 1919.

There is a notation in his file that he was at Ypres, Belgium in October 1919.

Following his discharge in 1919, Thomas is hard to locate. The 1921 census shows his parents alive and well, with a young son, Stephen at home with them but no entry for Thomas is available.

The 1935 census provides a different picture, Thomas is now married to Mary Eliza White from Twillingate. They have two boys and are living in Coley's Point with his parents.

Sometime between 1935 and 1945, Thomas and family moved to Heart's Content as reflected in the 1945 census. They still only have two boys, Bertram and Gerald.

Thomas passed away in 1957 and wife Mary in 1960. They are buried in the Forest Road Anglican Cemetery in St. John's.