



Victor Perrin Newell

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 3598

World War I

Born: 1898 ??

Place of Birth: Dock, Bareneed,
Newfoundland

Parents: Nathan and Priscilla (Serrick)
Newell (married 1894)

In the spring of 1917, Victor made his way to St. John's and enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at their makeshift headquarters at the CLB Armoury on Harvey Road. He was nineteen (19) at the time.

Described in the records as being rather tall at 5' 10", Victor was a volunteer of the 14th recruitment draft. He was single, a munition worker by trade and Church of England by faith. The date was 14 April 1917 and Victor signed up eager to serve.

According to the handwritten entries in his official service record, Victor:

1. Embarked St. John's on the S.S. Florizel to Halifax N.S. on 19 – 05 – 17
2. From there he was shipped overseas to Scotland
3. Hospitalized with mastoid abscess (serious) on 06 – 07 – 17
4. Dying at Ayr Country Hospital, Scotland on 16 – 06 – 17
5. Died in hospital on 17 – 07 – 17

Cause of death was “septic meningitis following otorrhea from the measles.

The horrific news was communicated back home to his father, Nathan and family.

Victor is buried in the Ayr Cemetery, Ayrshire, Scotland.

The inscription on his headstone reads as follows:

Inscription

3598 Private
V.P. NEWELL
Royal Newfoundland Regt
17th July 1917 Age 19

There is a Memorial Stone placed by his parents in St. Mark's Anglican Cemetery in Bareneed, NL