



**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 May 1917
2. From there he was shipped overseas to Scotland
3. Hospitalized with mastoid abscess - seriously ill on 06 July 1917
4. Dying at Ayr Country Hospital, Scotland on 16 July 1917
5. Died in hospital on 17 July 1917

Cause of death was "septic meningitis following otorrhoea resulting from 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