



Walter Snow

Walter was born in Bay Roberts to parents Henry and Mary Ann (??) in 1897 or 1898. Walter's dad, Henry remarried a lady named Ellen following the death of his first wife.

On January 6th, 1916, at 18 Walter enlisted in the First Newfoundland Regiment (the regiment had not received the title "Royal" yet).

He cleared the necessary paperwork and examinations and was determined fit for service. He was accepted as Pte. Snow, posted to the 2nd. Battalion of the regiment and provided the service No. 2060.

Interestingly on his enlistment papers, he gives his occupation as coachman. For those who may not know, like this researcher, what a coachman was, it is a man whose business it is to **drive a coach or carriage**, a horse-drawn vehicle designed for the conveyance of passengers. A coachman has also been called a coachee, coachy or whip).

His term of service for King and Country would last about 33 months in total, covering 1916 – 1918.

Walter served in France and Belgium and was at the battle of Cambrai in Northern France. The 17-day offensive commenced

on 20 November and ceased on 6 December 1917.

In August 1917, while involved in fighting near or in a small town called Le Treport, Walter was exposed to poison gas. As a result, he was admitted to the Second Canadian General Hospital on September 1st, 1917, and was reported to be "suffering from severe gas poisoning"

He recovered and was sent back to the fighting but was back in hospital on November 27th, 1917, suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper left arm. He was invalided to the Fourth London General Hospital where the diagnosis was "a slight GSW to upper left arm". This was not entirely accurate and upon later inspection, it was found that the bullet had passed through the arm nicking the brachial artery of the arm reducing blood flow and damaging both the ulna bone of the lower arm and the bicep muscle of the upper arm. It would mean the end of service for Walter who after some convalescence was examined, declared disabled and medically unfit to return to service.

Pte Snow's medical report regarding discharge was completed at the Hazeley Down Camp near Winchester, England. It provides the date of "disability" as 20th November 1917, noting the gun shot wound and declaring him as "permanently unfit" for active service. Walter was just 20 at this time.

He was repatriated to Newfoundland and officially discharged from service on the 5th of September 1918.

There is a service record for Pte. Walter Snow on 121 pages on file at "[The Rooms](#)".

Provided below is a partial file of his medical history during service:

Army Form B. 103. Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service

Regiment or Corps **THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.**

Rank *Plt* Surname *Snow* Christian Name *Walter*

Religion *Angl (Ch)* Age on Enlistment *18* years months

Enlisted (a) *St Johns* Terms of Service (a) *Duration of War* Service reckons from (of *Jan 6/16*)

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended [] Re-engaged [] Qualification (b).....
or Corps Trade and Rate.....

Occupation Signature of Officer. *(Sgd) Ebenezer*

Date	Report	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 35, or on other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 35, or other official documents.
				Embarked <i>Alkstone</i>	<i>3/6/17</i>	
				Disembarked <i>Boulogne</i>	<i>3/6/17</i>	
				<i>Joined Battalion</i>	<i>19/6/17</i>	<i>B213</i>
<i>9/9/17</i>	<i>OC Unit</i>		<i>Wounded (in Action) (Gas)</i>		<i>21/8/17</i>	<i>Mems</i>
<i>20/8/17</i>	<i>64 CCS</i>		<i>Ad "W" Gassed Shell</i>		<i>21/8/17</i>	<i>SD 9250.</i>
<i>6/9/17</i>	<i>2 Cav G Hosp</i>		<i>Ad do</i>	<i>Let Hospital</i>	<i>24/9/17</i>	<i>HA 13381</i>
<i>29/8/17</i>	<i>29 I B D</i>		<i>Joined Base Depot</i>	<i>Rouen</i>	<i>29/8/17</i>	<i>Form Roll</i>
<i>15/9/17</i>	<i>OC Unit</i>		<i>Joined Battalion</i>		<i>9/9/17</i>	<i>B213</i>
<i>22/9/17</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>Ad Hospital</i>		<i>20/9/17</i>	<i>B213</i>
<i>22/9/17</i>	<i>89 ICA</i>		<i>Ad Hospital's trans</i>	<i>14 CAS</i>	<i>20/9/17</i>	<i>ED 916</i>
<i>29/9/17</i>	<i>63 CCS</i>		<i>Ad Hospital's</i>		<i>29/9/17</i>	<i>CA 736</i>
	<i>56 Gen Hp</i>		<i>" Albonimia</i>	<i>Etaples</i>	<i>25/9/17</i>	<i>HA 14456</i>
	<i>29 I B D</i>		<i>Joined Base Depot</i>	<i>Rouen</i>	<i>14/10/17</i>	<i>Form Roll</i>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Shipping-Smith, & Co. W.12563—M1477 10000 1/17 (12702) S P & Co. Ltd. Forms B.103, 11 E.1254. (P.T.O.)