



**Wilfred Campbell Parsons  
World War I  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
Regimental No. 1876**

**Born:** 27<sup>th</sup> December 1899

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts

**Parents:** William and Dorcas

Wilfred enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in September 1915 at the age of 18. He had been a cable operator.

His service record is as follows:

1. Embarked St. John's by train to Quebec 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1915
2. Saw Service in Ayr, Scotland
3. Furloughed to Newfoundland (ill health) on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1916
4. Arrived in Newfoundland on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1916
5. Discharged as medically unfit the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1917.

6. He attested for service with the Newfoundland Overseas Unit (NOFU) on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1918. This lasted for 21 days and then he was struck off strength on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1918.

His total service time was 1 year and 175 days.

Wilfred's service is an unusual one. He enlisted in the RNR in 1915 but was discharged in 1917 being declared medically unfit for service. Then in early 1918 he enlisted once again, this time in the NOFU (Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit) using the same Regimental Number, was accepted initially but that only lasted for a period of three (3) weeks, and he was struck off strength on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

Following the end of WW I, Wilfred cannot be found in any official census records of Newfoundland.

The thought was that he had moved somewhere in Canada or to the US, as many young men did in search of work and a new life away from memories of war. Having moved to Canada seems more likely since there is a notation in his service file that indicates that sometime in 1918, Wilfred was in Winnipeg, Manitoba and possibly working for the Hudson's Bay Company.

What is known was that Wilfred had a wife, named Marguerite. After extensive research, Wilfred and Marguerite were found. Wilfred died in April 1950 and is buried in St. Matthews Anglican Cemetery, Bay Roberts.