



William Coveyduck
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 5400
World War I

Born: Nov 1897

Died: 1979

Place of Birth: Salmon Cove, Clarke's Beach, Newfoundland

Parents: James and Emily Coveyduck

William enlisted late in the war but did see action overseas. His attestation papers show that he enlisted on 24 May 1918.

Physically, William stood 5' 6 ½ " tall, weighed 139 lbs and had light hair with blue eyes. He gave his trade as fisherman and his faith as Methodist. William was 21 years old and single.

William's Service Record contains the following handwritten entries:

1. 24 – 05 – 18: Enlisted
2. 22 – 07 – 18: Embarked St. John's on the SS Columbella to Halifax, Nova Scotia



SS Columbella

3. 23 – 11 – 18: Embarked Southampton for the BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
4. 03 – 12 – 18: Admitted to #11 station hospital Rouen with severe influenza
5. 28 – 12 – 18: Discharged to reinforcements Rouen
6. 05 – 01 – 19: Joined battalion
7. 22 – 04 – 19: Transferred from Rouen and embarked at Havre
8. 23 – 04 – 19: Disembarked Southampton and reached Hazeley Down Camps at Winchester, England
9. 22 – 05 – 19: To Newfoundland for demobilization
10. 07 – 06 – 19: Arrived Newfoundland
11. 07 - 07 – 19: Demobilized at St. John's

William had been in HMS (His Majesty's Service) for one year and 47 days.

By 1921, William is back home with his parents (James and Emily) in Salmon Cove, he is now 23. His brother Horace (19) and sister Selina (16) complete the family.

The 1935 Newfoundland general census has William residing in Salmon Cove but is now

married to a lady named Mary Ann and they have a son Wilfred.

The 1945 census finds William and Mary Ann still making their home in Salmon Cove.

William passed away in 1979 and is buried in the Clarke's Beach Old United Churchyard Cemetery at Clarke's Beach Newfoundland.