



**William George Stevens**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**Regimental No. 4946**

**World War I**

**Born:** 26 Aug 1897

**Place of Birth:** Clarke's Beach, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** William Henry and Ruth (Hampton) Stevens

William was 21 years old when he enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1918. His attestation papers describe him as being 5' 1", 121 lbs, of fair complexion and having light brown hair with blue eyes. His trade was fisherman, he was of the Methodist faith and was unable to write, since he signed paper with his mark, an "X".

His official service record contains the following handwritten entries by date, location/event:

1. 07 – 05 – 18: Enlisted at St. John's
2. 11 – 06 – 18: Embarked St. John's by train to Halifax, Nova Scotia.



3. 26 – 10 – 18: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force) in France
4. 03 – 11 – 18: Joined battalion
5. 22 – 04 – 19: Transferred from Rouen Camps, France
6. 23 – 04 – 19: Arrived Winchester, England
7. 24 – 06 – 19: To Newfoundland for demobilization
8. 01 – 07 19: Arrived Newfoundland
9. 04 – 08 – 19: Demobilized.  
Discharge Certificate # 3517.

As with all returning soldiers, William underwent a medical upon release. His medical notes that "he complains of no disability." He had served one year and ninety days in His Majesty's Service.

Following his discharge from service, William becomes untraceable. After extensive research, no other official record for him was found. William's story and his final resting place remain a mystery. This biography will be revisited if and when additional information becomes available.