

William Moore World War I Royal Newfoundland Regiment Service No. 2987

William was born in Bay Roberts to parents John and Sarah Moore in February 1895.

William enlisted on July 27th, 1916, at the age of 20. From his enlistment papers, William stands 5'6" tall, gives his occupation as printer, is Church of England and is well educated.

His service record covers 2 years 241 days from enlistment 27 July 1916 to demobilization of 1 April 1918.

To say that William's time of service was an adventure of lows and highs is to make an understatement.

Pte Moore found himself in difficulty several times and faced punishment for his conduct. He was hospitalized for a period of time, and he was awarded the MM (Military Medal) for bravery and even promoted to lance corporal.

Williams service record is recorded on paper as follows:

- 1) Embarked Newfoundland on S.S. Sicilian for UK, 28 August 1916.
- 2) Embarked for BEF and joined battalion on 12 December 1916
- 3) Transferred to stationary hospital (Arques St. Omer) 9 January 1918
- 4) Rejoined unit 30 April 1918
- 5) Transferred from BEF to Winchester 19 January 1919
- 6) To Newfoundland for demobilization 30 January 1919
- 7) Arrived Newfoundland 7 February 1919

In addition to these official notation, Pte Moore was awarded the Military Medal (MM) on 9 October 1917. According to his superior who wrote about Pte Moore on 9/10/17 as follows:

"For great bravery in beating off a counterattack. This man was in a post out in from of our trench and although the enemy tried to bomb them out, he stuck to his post and kept the enemy off."

William survived the war and was discharged in April 1919. He returned home and he is found at home with his parents as recorded in the 1921 census.

By 1935, William is married to Wilmot, and they have a six-month-old daughter. The 1945 census shows a family of three children.

William died in 1983 and is buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery, Coley's Point.