



William Patrick Delaney

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Service # 4700

World War I

Born: 02 Jul 1898

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: William and Ellen Delaney

The following information is found in William's enlistment papers:

- He was 20 years old
- He was Roman Catholic
- Single
- 5 ft. 7 ½ ' tall
- A fireman by occupation
- Enlisted on 25 Apr 1918

The official entries in his service record are follows:

1. 25 Apr 1918: Enlisted at St. John's
2. 15 May 1918: Reported for duty
3. 11 Jun 1918: Embarked St. John's by train for Halifax, N.S.
4. 26 Oct 1918: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
5. 03 Nov 1918: Joined Battalion in the field in France

6. 22 Apr 1919: Transferred from Rouen Camps, France and arrived Winchester, England the same day
7. 22 May 1919: To Newfoundland for demobilization
8. 01 Jun 1919: Arrived Newfoundland
9. 11 Jul 1919: Demobilized and discharged.

During his term of service of one year and two months, William saw action in France, Belgium, and Germany.

Out of the military, William, now 23, appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census. He is living in Bay Roberts with his father now at 70 and a widower.

William does not appear in either of the next two census takings in 1935 and 1945. In fact, there is no record of him found in official Newfoundland documents.

The 1940 Federal census of the United States contains a listing by the name, William Delaney of Newfoundland living in Somerville, Middlesex, Massachusetts. He is listed as being 42 and married to a lady by the name of Mary, also from Newfoundland. The two have four children, all of whom were born in the United States.

William is a naturalized citizen and working as a longshoreman. Records indicate that the couple were at the same residence in 1935 as well.

There is a potential gravesite for both William and wife Mary at the Saint Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts. This is a best guess based on the data.