

William Ralph Paul

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 3717

World War I

Born: 16 May 1895

Died: 1973

William was born in May 1895 at Mud Cove, Burin to parents William and Matilda Paul.

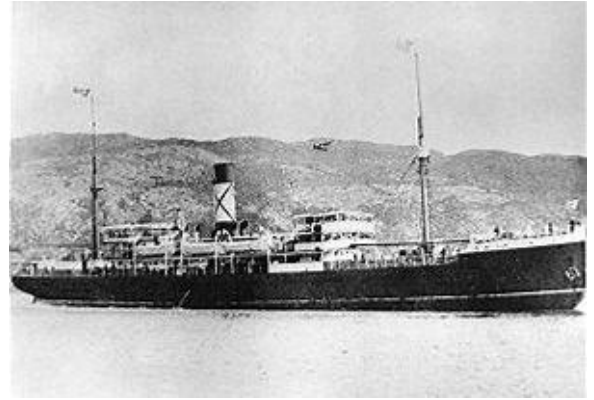
William enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. John's on the 2nd of May 1917. He would spend the next year and 359 days in military service being discharged on the 25th of April 1919.

According to his attestation papers, William was almost 24 years old, stood 5' 5" tall, had black hair with grey eyes, single, a Methodist and a clerk by trade.

Service Record:

The following are excerpts from William's official handwritten service entries:

1. 04 – 08 – 17: Embarked St. John's on SS Florizel to Halifax, N. S.



S.S. Florizel

2. 18 – 02 – 18: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
3. 21 – 02 – 18: Disembarked France
4. 28 – 02 – 18: Joined unit in the field
5. 16 – 05 – 18: With unit
6. 14 – 10 – 18: Wounded
7. 15 – 10 – 18: Admitted to general hospital Boulogne with GSW (gunshot) to the head
8. 20 – 11 – 18: Discharged to Camp Rouen
9. 27 – 11 – 18: Rejoined unit in the field
10. 12 – 12 – 18: Appointed L/Cpl (Lance Corporal)
11. 19 – 01 – 19: Transferred from BEF to Winchester, England
12. 30 – 01 – 19: To Newfoundland for demobilization
13. 07 – 02 – 19: Arrived Newfoundland
14. 25 – 04 – 19: Discharged

Following the war, in 1921, William is found at home in Mud Cove, now called Wandsworth with his mother, his father having passed away.

The 1935 Newfoundland general census has William now married to Annie (from Port de Grave). They are living in Port de Grave and have four children.

The next census in 1945, shows the family is still in Port de Grave and the 4 children, Millicent, David, Shirley and Olive are at home with William and Annie.

William passed away in 1973 and is buried in the United Church Cemetery at Port de Grave.