

**George Dawe**

**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental No. 1221**

**World War I**

**Born:** 03 September 1897

**Died:** 11 June 1934

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

**Parents:** John Charles (adoptive father) and Emma Dawe

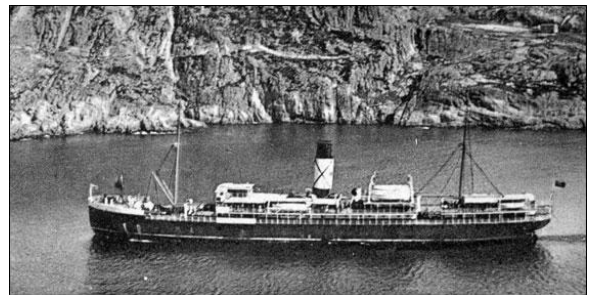
According to his attestation/enlistment papers, George enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland Regiment (later to be given the designation of "Royal" in 1916) on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1915.

George is described in those papers as being 5' 6" tall, 133 lbs, having light hair with blue eyes and a distinguishing scar on the first finger of his left hand. At just 18, he is single, a fisherman by trade and a Methodist. He is assigned to "D" Company of the Regiment.

His service record covers a period of four (4) years and thirteen (13) days. George spent much time in hospital with a variety of illnesses over the course of his service including such maladies as dysentery, trench foot, tonsillitis and vision issues. Below are

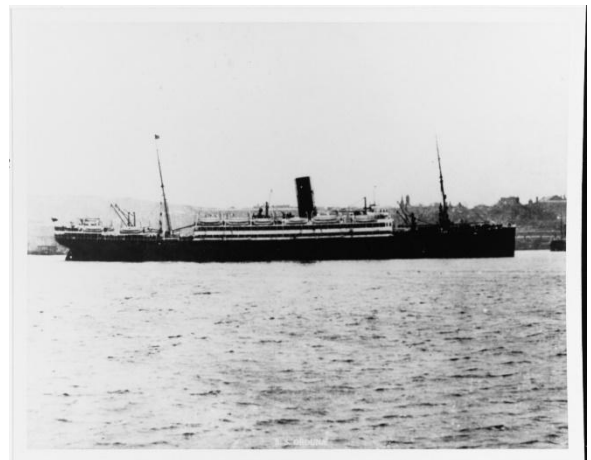
entries from his official service record noting specific events by date and location.

1. 22 Apr 1915: Embarked St. John's on the SS Stephano



**SS Stephano** ca. 1911-1916

D Company, First Newfoundland Regiment departed St. John's for Halifax on March 20, 1915, in the SS Stephano. There the soldiers of D company transferred to the SS Orduna for their voyage to Britain.



**SS Orduna**

2. 20 Aug 1915: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force)
3. 31 Aug 1915: Disembarked Alexandria and entrained for Cairo, Egypt
4. 13 Sep 1915: Embarked for Gallipoli
5. 19/20 Sep 1915: Landed Suvla Bay at night/morning
6. 06 Oct 1915: Invalided to England from Mudros
7. 10 Oct 1915: Admitted to #3 hospital Oxford
8. 07 Dec 1915: Furloughed and then attached to Depot
9. 28 Mar 1916: Embarked for BEF

10. 10 Apr 1916: Admitted to general hospital at Rouen, France
11. 27 Apr 1916: Invalided to England and admitted to Wandsworth hospital (London)
12. 18 Jul 1916: Furloughed and attached to Depot
13. 06 Nov 1917: Embarked for BEF
14. 14 Nov 1917: Joined Battalion
15. 30 Nov 1917: Admitted to #62 field hospital and transferred to duty ICT
16. 03 Dec 1917: Admitted to #88 field ambulance with gsw (gunshot wound) to foot
17. 05 Feb 1918: Rejoined unit in the field
18. 18 Feb 1918: Admitted #88 field ambulance with tonsillitis
19. 09 Mar 1918: Admitted to #2 general hospital (Wimereux)
20. 12 Mar 1918: Transferred to rest camp with hydrocele
21. 09 Apr 1918: Rejoined unit in the field
22. 03 Apr 1918: Admitted to #24 general hospital at Etaples with trench feet
23. 07 May 1918: Admitted to Wandsworth hospital, London
24. 10 Jun 1918: Furloughed/attached to Depot (Winchester)
25. 12 Sep 1918: To Forestry Corps
26. 12 Dec 1918: To Newfoundland
27. 21 Dec 1918: Arrived Newfoundland
28. 22 Mar 1919: Demobilized/discharged.

After his discharge in early 1919, George becomes very difficult to track, although a letter found in his service file places him in Toronto in January 1920.

Following that single entry, George just disappears from all official documentation, although according to his obituary (below), he spent several years in the United States having only returned around 1932. It seems that his injuries and illnesses may have contributed to his demise as he died in his 37<sup>th</sup> year at St. John's on 11 June 1934.

Private George Dawe is buried in the General Protestant Cemetery on Waterford Bridge Road in St. John's.

From The Daily News dated 12 June 1934

## Another War Veteran Passes

GEORGE DAWE of "Ours"

That frail "Good Bye"  
Has lingered in these pale forget-  
me nots;  
Their fragrance harboured in this  
bloom.

After a somewhat lingering ill-  
ness, ex-Private George Dawe, late  
of the Royal Newfoundland Regi-  
ment, entered into rest yesterday  
morning.

Deceased was Regimental No.  
1212 of "Ours" and was one of the  
First Battalion to land at Gallipoli  
and endure the sufferings and trial  
of the storm on the peninsula and  
later at Cape Helles.

Following demobilization he spent  
some years in the U.S.A., but re-  
turning to this country two years  
ago, has been ailing ever since,  
and his had been a series of visits  
to hospital and sanatorium. He was  
of a decidedly quiet disposition, and  
his passing comes as sad news to a  
number of friends.

The funeral takes place this  
afternoon from 41 Franklyn Avenue.  
"This takes something from our  
hearts  
And it never comes again."  
—L.C.M.