



**William Patrick Delaney**

**The Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental No. 4700**

**World War I**

**Born:** 02 Jul 1898 or 1896

**Died:** 27 Nov 1970

**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.

William died at the Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto on 27 Nov 1970 and his wife Mary died on 19 Oct 1984. Both are buried in the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Thornhill, York Regional Municipality, ON.

Below are two records concerning William, the first is his Record Of Service – Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the second is his Death Notification from 1970:



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RECORD OF SERVICE

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Service Rank and/or Number 4700 Name William Patrick DELANEY

1. Age on Enlistment: 20 Years 8 months
2. Date and Place of Appointment or Enlistment: 25th April, 1918 St. John's, Nfld.
3. Theatres of Service: NEWFOUNDLAND - ENGLAND - FRANCE
4. Date and Place of Discharge: 27th June, 1919 St. John's, Nfld.
5. Reason for Discharge: "Demobilization"
6. Rank on Discharge: Private

**AWARDS:**

**BRITISH WAR MEDAL**

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MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS  
DEATH NOTIFICATION  
AVIS DE DÉCÈS

TO:  
À:

DATE ..Dec.4, 1970.....

NAME

NOM ... DELANEY, William Patrick

Service No.

Matricule No

4200.WW1

ROY.NFLD.REGT.

CPC No.

CCP No

WVA No.

AAC No ..227273.....

Information Received from:

Information reçue de: .....S.T.N.O..Toronto, Ont..Tel Memo d/Nov.30, 1970.....

Date of Death

Date du Décès .....Nov.27, 1970.....

Place

Endroit .....Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, Ont.

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Pour le chef,

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for Chief, Central Registry Division.  
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