



**William Skanes**

**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental No. 5918**

**World War I**

**Born:** 02 March 1898

**Died:** 05 August 1966

**Place of Birth:** North River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Patrick and Susannah (Snow) Skanes

William joined the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in August 1918, rather late in the war as it was drawing close to the end.

William's enlistment papers describe him as being 20 years old, 5' 6 ½ " tall, weighing 136 lbs and having dark hair with blue eyes. He had an identifying mark recorded as a scar on his left knee. He was a miner by trade and Church of England by faith.

His service record is rather short since he served in the Regiment just 163 days until his discharge on 14 January 1919 when he was demobilized.

William's Service Record reads as follows:

1. 09 – 09 – 1918: Special duty home defence Port Aux Basques
2. 21 – 11 – 18: Returned to Headquarters at St. John's
3. 27 – 11 – 18: Admitted to barracks hospital
4. 14 – 01 – 1919: Discharged by Certificate # 468.

Following the end of the war, William does not appear in any official Newfoundland documents research. He does, however appear in the 1940 United States Federal census for the state of Massachusetts. He is now 42 years old, living in Revere, Mass. He owns his home and is working in a government job as a rigger.

William is married to Sophie Mulley of Newfoundland and they have two (2) children, William (14) born in Chelsea, and Mabel (3) born in Revere, Massachusetts,

William passed away on August 5<sup>th</sup> 1966 in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, Massachusetts. Sophie passed some time earlier in 1957 and is buried in the same cemetery as William.