

1466 Private *Gordon Rowsell*

Railroad Section Man, \$35.00 per mo.

Enlisted: April 23, 1915, 19 yrs.

Parent: Emma (Mrs. John) Rowsell (mother) native of Exploits, Notre Dame Bay, Nfld. In his will, June 25, 1916, Private Rowsell gave Glenwood, Newfoundland, as his mother's address

Description:

- Height: 5 ft. 5in.
- Weight: 125 lbs.
- Complexion: Fresh
- Hair: brown
- Eyes: Blue, Brown
- Identifying marks included a scar on right leg below knee.

Religion: Methodist

Service:

- Embarked St. John's, S.S. Caljarian, June 6, 1915 for United Kingdom
- Joined the Nfld. Regiment in France, April 4, 1916
- Wounded on July 1, 1916, and admitted to Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth, suffering from bullet wounds in thigh and heel, July 5, 1916
- Returned to unit in France, January 17, 1917
- Reported Missing in Action, Killed, April 14, 1917. (The manner of officially recording Private Rowsell's death as "missing, killed in action" suggests that his end might have been extremely violent and destructive, probably direct hit by a shell. This conjecture can be supported by the fact that he has no known grave site.)

Note: In 1921, Private Rowsell's mother, Mrs. Emma Rowsell, forwarded to the authorities at St. John's, an official acknowledgment of the receipt of a Memorial Plaque issued in respect of the services of son, Gordon. At that time, Mrs. Rowsell was a resident of Grand Falls.

In Private Rowsell's record, there are two letters to the Newfoundland Regiment, Pay and Record office (May 5 and September 10, 1917) from Miss W. Feggans, 26 John St., Ayr, Scotland, seeking information on Private Rowsell. A reply from that office indicated him as missing on May 14, 1917.

Private Gordon Rowsell is the great-uncle of Harry Parsons and Barbara Walsh (nee Rowsell), members of our congregation.