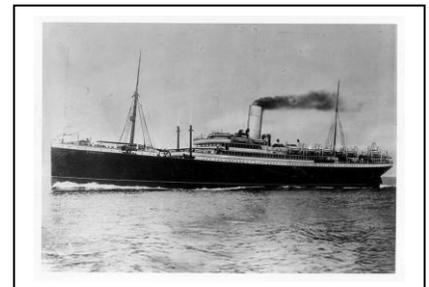


Private John Lambert (Regimental Number 1744) is buried in Ayr Cemetery, Ayrshire – Grave reference G.3.3.

His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, John Lambert was a recruit of the Sixth Draft. Having presented himself for medical examination at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's, on September 27, 1915, he then enlisted – engaged at the daily private soldier's rate of \$1.10 – on that same day. He attested two days later again, on July 29.

**A second source has him attesting on the day of his enlistment.*

Private Lambert and the other personnel of 'G' Company – apparently in the company of several naval reservists and also some German prisoners (these latter presumably to remain in Canada) - left St. John's by train on October 27, to cross the island to Port aux Basques. The contingent then traversed the Gulf of St. Lawrence by ferry, and proceeded by train from North Sydney to Quebec City.



At Québec the Newfoundlanders boarded His Majesty's Transport *Corsican* (page preceding) for the trans-Atlantic passage to the English south-coast naval establishment of Devonport where they arrived on November 9.

By the morning of the 10th the new arrivals had travelled by train and had gone north to Scotland. There they had been billeted in huts in a military camp at Gales, not far removed from the new Regimental Depot where accommodation for the contingent was as yet not available.

That new Regimental Depot had been established during the summer of 1915 in the Royal Borough of Ayr on the west coast of Scotland to serve as a base for the 2nd (Reserve) Battalion. It was from there – as of November of 1915 and up until January of 1918 – that the new-comers arriving from home were sent in drafts, at first to Gallipoli and then subsequently to the Western Front, to bolster the four fighting companies of 1st Battalion.



(Right above: *an aerial view of Ayr – probably from the period between the Wars: Newton-on Ayr is to the left of the River Ayr and the Royal Borough is to the right. – courtesy of the Carnegie Library at Ayr*)

Private Lambert was admitted into the Heathfield Hospital, Ayr, on April 6, there to be diagnosed as suffering from scarlet fever.

The son of Samuel Lambert, fisherman, and Rebecca Lambert – to whom he had allotted a daily allowance of sixty cents from his pay - of Southport (originally *Fox Harbour*), Random, Trinity Bay, he was also brother to Henry, William, Benjamin – and possibly Samuel Jr.. Private Lambert was reported as having *died of sickness* on the day following his admission, April 7, 1916.



A telegraph was sent to the Reverend W. A. Butler of Hodge's Cove requesting that he bear the news to the family.

His few effects were sold by auction to his comrades and the monies earned – eighteen shillings and ten pence - added to his estate.

John Lambert had enlisted at twenty years and two months of age.

(Right above: *the Newfoundland Plot in Ayr Cemetery – photograph from 2012*)

Private John Lambert was entitled to the British War Medal for his overseas service.

