



Private Joseph Alexander (elsewhere *Alexandra*) (Regimental Number 6299) is interred in Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Cemetery in St. John's, in the Naval and Military Plot.

His occupation prior to enlistment recorded as that of a farmer, Joseph Alexander presented himself for medical examination in St. John's on October 14, 1918*, and also enlisted - engaged for the duration of the war and at the private soldier's rate of \$1.10 per diem. He attested on that same day.

***In May of that year the Newfoundland Military Service Act (conscription) came into effect. From May 11 through to the end of the War the Department of Militia called a total of 1,470 men into active service.**

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Note in file: - When enlisted complained of shortness of breath and pain in head/ pain in legs and swelling/ pain in stomach – considered fit by Dr Bethune

On October 16, only two days after enlisting, Private Alexander was sent to the Barracks Hospital and from there, on the day afterwards, was admitted into the St. John's General Hospital, having been diagnosed as suffering from influenza and pneumonia.

The son of Adolph Alexander, guide, - of Mattis (Matt's) Point in the District of St. George, and Mary Alexander (née *MacDougall*), he was also oldest brother of John-J., William and Maggie. Private Alexander was reported as having *died of sickness - of pneumonia following influenza* - in the General Hospital in St. John's during the morning of October 20, 1918.

Joseph Alexander had enlisted at the age of twenty-three years according to the date of birth, July 16, 1895, recorded by the 1911 Census.

To the department
Colonial Secretary
St.J.

Spruce Brook
Oct 26 1918

Dear Sir

I received your letter of condolment of my son Private Joseph Alexandra who died in General Hospital I am very sorry to have to write you in this way but would like to know if there should be any money left to him if so I would be very thankful to you if you would send it on to me as I am very bad in need of it at the present time do this and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Adolf Alexandra
Spruce Brook