



Private Hezekiah Avery (Regimental Number 5140) is buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery in the community of Deep Bight.

His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, Hezekiah Avery presented himself for medical examination at Headquarters at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on May 17 of 1918*. He also enlisted - engaged *for the duration of the war* at the private soldier's rate of \$1.10 per diem – and attested on the same day.

****This was the month during which the Newfoundland Military Service Act (conscription) came into effect. From May 11, 1918, 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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Only two weeks following his enlistment, on May 31, Private Avery was admitted into the Barracks Hospital in St. John's for *observation*. On the next day, June 1, he was transferred into the *Military Hospital for Infectious Diseases*, having been diagnosed as suffering from a case of the measles.

The son of William and Elizabeth Avery of Deep Bight, North West Arm, in Trinity Bay, he was born in the community of Southport, the third of four Avery children, John, Catherine and Wallace his siblings.

Private Avery was reported to have *died of sickness*, of pneumonia, on June 15, 1918, in the Military Hospital in St. John's.

His remains having been embalmed and coffined by Mr. J. C. Oke, undertaker, they were placed on board the eleven o'clock train of June 18 in St. John's, for the journey to Clarendville and thence home.

Hezekiah Avery had enlisted at the age of twenty-five years.