



**Private Charles Burton (Regimental Number 5966) lies in Durrell United Church Cemetery, Twillingate.**

**His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, Charles Burton presented himself for medical examination and also enlisted at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on August 10, 1918\* - engaged *for the duration of the war* and at the private soldier's rate of \$1.10 per diem. He attested on the 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.***

**On October 2, Private Burton was sent to the St. John's Dockyard on *special duty*. Presumably having been over-exposed to the elements, on October 5 he was admitted into the Military Hospital for Infectious Diseases in St. John's. Suffering from bronchial pneumonia, on October 11 he was reported as being *very dangerously ill*.**

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The son of Levi Burton, fisherman, and Harriet Burton (née *Mitchell*) – to whom he had allotted a daily sixty cents from his pay – of Durrell's Arm (today *Durrell*), Twillingate, he was also brother to Flossie (named with his father as his next of kin), Elizabeth, Cloie (Chloe?), Harriet, Beatrice, Theresa and Pierce.

Private Burton was reported as having *died of sickness – of pneumonia* – in hospital on October 12, 1918.

His remains embalmed and placed in a coffin by Mr. J. C. Oke, undertaker, the funeral cortege of Private Burton was escorted on the following day to the railway station in St. John's before being taken onto the daily express. The train departed at a quarter past eleven in the morning of October 13, en route to his home.

Charles Burton had enlisted at the age of twenty-three years.